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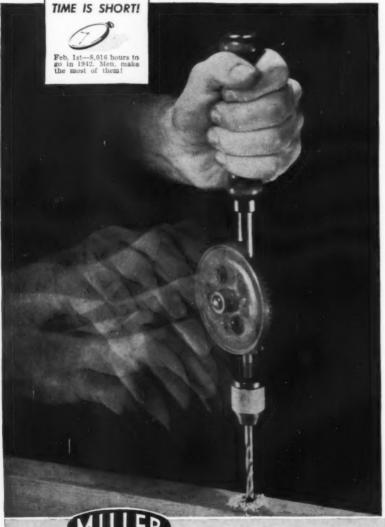
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#### REMODELING IS HERE AGAIN

Remodeling as a pot-boiler is not entirely strange to architects and builders. But this time remodeling and modernization are not just pot-boilers for the architectural office; at least in defense-booming centers they have their own function in the all-out war effort. For the provision of industrial buildings and industrial housing can be in part accomplished through rehabilitation and conversion of existing structures. The merits of this scheme, which has received priorities blessing and other official support. are obvious, but important: 1. speed in meeting the need, 2, saving of critical materials, 3. avoidance at least in part of the inevitable over-building. And for non-defense centers, remodeling may turn out to be the only available means of satisfying building demand that cannot claim priorities. Remodeling has advanced, too, since depression days, as this issue of the RECORD should demonstrate, and it may rate new space in the office files.

#### NOW THEY HAVE STREETS

When Dorothy Rosenman made her timely plea for better coordination in the planning of defense housing projects (AR 11/41) there was general agreement that she had put her finger on a weak spot in the relations between Federal bureaus and local authorities. Even in taking exception to one of her for-instances, Seward H. Mott, Director of FHA's Land Planning Division, agrees with the general tone of her message.

His letter reads in part:

From its inception this Administration has cooperated closely with local planning commissions and municipal and county officials, and we are in hearty accord with Mrs. Rosenman's statement that housing problems must be worked out on the ground and with a consideration of local needs rather than from a desk in Washington.

Mrs. Rosenman refers to FHA activities in Newport News, Va., and we are gratified with the comments regarding the appearance of the FHA financed homes, but I wish to point out that the statement in regard to these houses being located on dirt streets and that the FHA has imposed no obligation on the developer to pave the

streets, is in error. It is a minimum FHA requirement that every house, either on an individual lot or in a development of homes, must be served with an adequate paved street as well as other utilities. We take particular pride in the character of the street improvements we are securing in the Newport News area as every one of our developments is served with bituminous bound macadam streets of a minimum width of 26 ft. This applies even to developments of homes in the \$3,000 price range. In higher priced developments such as Stuart Gardens concrete curbs and gutters and sidewalks are installed. No doubt the error was due to seeing these projects before the street construction was completed. The developers seldom install the paving until sewer and water ditches have settled and heavy hauling is over.

And for her part Mrs. Rosenman finds gratification in a note of all's-well-that-ends-well. She replies:

It is gratifying to know that the FHA projects at Newport News have been served with adequately paved streets.

When many of the FHA developments were completed, the people and officials of Newport News, the state planning officials and representatives of the National Resources Planning Board, working in the area, did not know that FHA required the developers to pave the streets. They were concerned because there were no plans for street paving in evidence, because the locality had no ordinances which required street paving, and because the small taxes paid by these little houses could not possibly begin to defray the cost of paving the streets.

Had there been a mechanism established in the locality through which the various local agencies could have been kept au courant with the plans and action of Federal agencies operating there, the energy lost in speculation, meetings, discussions, time-consuming conferences, might have been used for more constructive purposes.

There is an understandable reason for this particular omission. The local FHA man was probably rushed from critical area to critical area. He did his work, and made his report to his office. There was no mechanism at that time for contact with the locality. They were left guessing, tried to get the facts, and, evidently, did not get them. However, all is well that ends well. It is good to know that the streets are paved, that the FHA office is on the alert and that there is an operating coordination of local and Federal housing functions in this area now.



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#### **AIA Notes**

A NEW Metropolitan Chapter of AIA will be organized if the Brooklyn and Westchester County Chapters accept an invitation proffered by New York Chapter to unite as nucleus of such a group. The Metropolitan Chapter will then invite as members individual members of New York, Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens, Staten Island, Long Island and Westchester architectural societies and all unaffiliated registered architects.

The movement follows a survey, by a committee headed by Lewis Greenleaf Adams, of architects in New York State (AR 11/41, p. 12), the majority of whom favored a central organization. Based on ratio of replies received, membership of the proposed chapter would reach, 1,136.

DEAN WALTER R. MACCORNACK of Massachusetts Institute of Technology has been appointed chairman of the Committee on Urban and Rural Land Use of AIA, succeeding Frederick Bigger of Pittsburgh.

SAMUEL E. LUNDEN succeeds Sylvanus B. Marston as president of Southern California Chapter of AIA.

#### **Gold Medal**

Princeton University has been awarded the 1941 gold medal of the American Group of the Société des Architectes Diplomes par le Government, it is announced by Julian C. Levi, president of the Group. The medal goes annually to the "architectural department of that college or university having the best record of accomplishment in the teaching of architecture on the general principles of the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris."

A gold medal and a prize of \$50, bestowed every year upon the student obtaining the greatest number of values in the national competitions of the Beaux Arts Institute of Design, was won by Glen Paulsen of the University of Illinois. J. C. Tighe of the University of Pennsylvania received the silver medal.

DR. FREDERICK ERNST GIESECKE, Professor Emeritus, Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning, at A. & M. College of Texas, has received the F. Paul Anderson Gold Medal awarded by the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers for distinguished scientific achievement. Dr. Giesecke was honored for his contributions to the advancement of heating based on his research work in the fields of heat transfer and hot water heating.

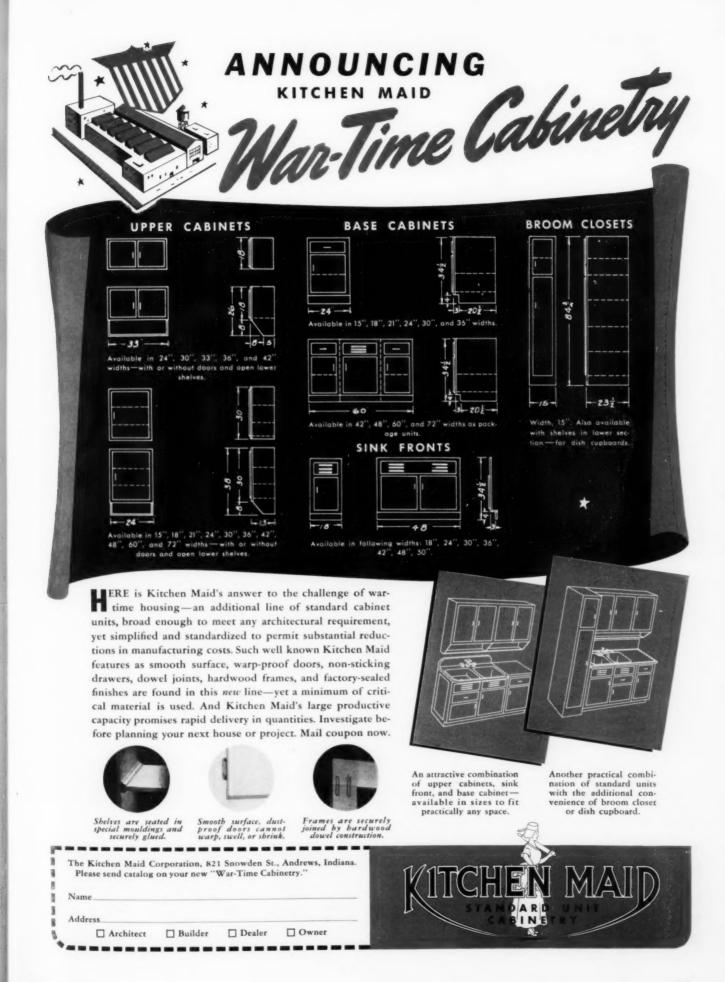
#### **Design Competition**

CASH AWARDS totaling \$500 are offered professional interior decorators in a national competition for the best plans for arrangement and furnishings of interiors in 200,000 U.S. Government defense houses as well as an estimated 200,000 privately built defense homes. Sponsors are PBA and Interior Design and Decoration, which announced the competition in its January issue, in cooperation with the American Institute of Decorators. A typical defense house floor plan was selected, and awards will be made for the best arrangements of interiors that can be obtained at the lowest cost by defense workers.

The contest runs until March 15. Judges include: Nancy V. McClelland, president, AID. Edward Rowan, Assistant Chief, Fine Arts Section, PBA, Commissioner Reynolds, PBA, Gladys Miller, interior designer and consultant on defense housing, Gilbert Stanley Underwood, architect, Spence Wildey, industrial designer, a housewife and wife of a construction worker.

#### Defense Reference Center

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tions for the lay public, may be found in the Civilian Defense Reference Center which has been established in the library of Cooper Union. New York City. Installed at the request of OCD, according to Harold Lancour, head librarian, the collection includes books and articles dealing with the application of fluorescent and phosphorescent materials to civilian defense, protection of air filtration plants, use of reinforced concrete in wartime manufacturing plants, mechanical aids for moving traffic in the absence of street lighting, flexible substitutes for glass, clearance of debris, protective planning and camouflaging of large structures, economics of steel in largescale construction, installation of bombproof shelters and air raid signal devices

#### Courses

An evening course in Camouflage, under the direction of *George Kepes*, is offered by the School of Design in Chicago to begin Feb. 9. The program includes research in nature and

animal camouflage; surface covering; mimicri; visual illusions; geometrical optics; basic photography; investigation of camouflage technique with smoke, gas, mercury vapor, neon lights, light rockets, etc.

A second course, directed by Robert J. Wolff, will cover Visual Propaganda in Wartime. It will include research in posters and lectures by experts on physiology of the eye, atmosphere, landscape problems, optics, etc.

#### Library Volume Available

ARCHITECTS concerned with post-war civic planning programs may be grateful for word that the 500-page volume "The American Public Library Building," by Joseph L. Wheeler and Alfred Morten Githens, is being sold from the Enoch Pratt Free Library of Baltimore, Md.

#### Personal

Known as Associated Landscape Architects, with offices at 664 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, six landscape ar-

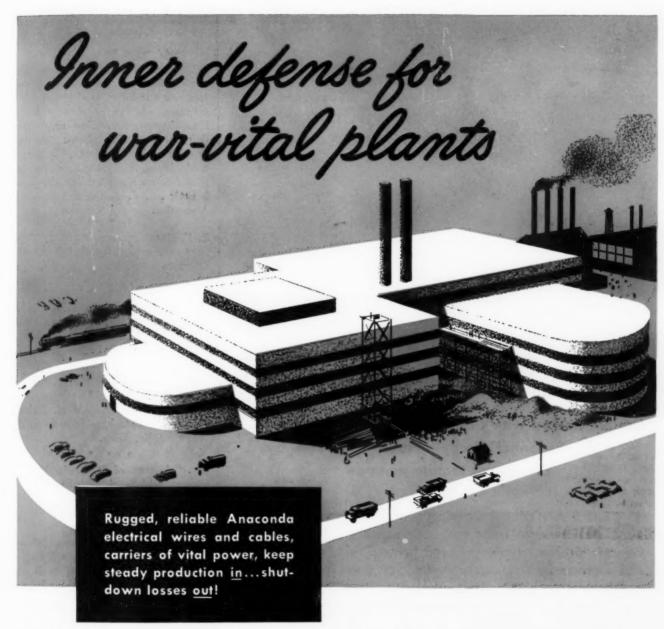
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PAUL CRET designed the interiors for the cars of New York Central's new Empire State Express, built by the Edward G. Budd Manufacturing Company of Philadelphia. The view of the central section of the dining car shows "banquet type" seats, pigskin covering on walls and ceiling. The valance boxes from which the curtains are hung serve as baffles for air conditioning cur-



rents from the aerofuse outlets in the ceiling. Unbreakable glass is used at the door of the parlor car, which makes it possible to see down the passage from the car and into the car from the passageway. The glass panel is framed in stainless steel and the fin partition on which it rests has a stainless steel corner and a stainless steel base and a panel of bright color



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New address of Harold H. Ehlert, formerly of Detroit, is 7380 Franklin Rd., Franklin, Mich.

ARCH ALBERT of St. Louis, Mo., is now at 1914 South 39th St.

#### Died

FREDERIC CHARLES HIRONS, 59, in New York City, Mr. Hirons, a founder and former president of the Beaux Arts Institute of Design, had been named a Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor in recognition of his services for architectural education. Among his best known works are the George Rogers Clark Memorial at Vincennes, Ind., the Worcester (Mass.) War Memorial Auditorium. the Rockland County Court House in New City, N. Y., the Beaux Arts Institute of Design Building. New York City, and the Davidson County Court House at Nashville, Tenn.

WILLIAM LOCKE, 69, at Charleston. S. C. Mr. Locke, an architect and engineer with offices for many years in St. Petersburg, Fla., at his death was Senior Engineer in the Planning Division at the U. S. Navy Yard in Charleston. He designed industrial plants, churches, schools and hotels throughout the South.

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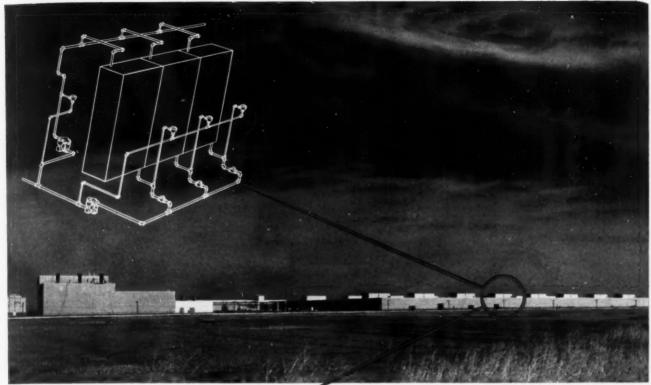
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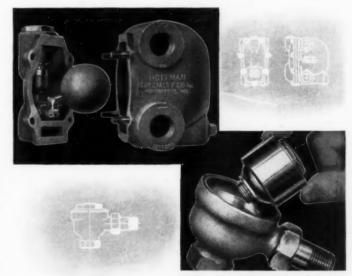
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#### FREEZING ORDER IS IMMINENT FROM WAR PRODUCTION BOARD

War Production Board . . . New Freezing Order Imminent . . . Modernization Opportunities . . . Shelter for War Workers . . . Lanham Act Passed . . . Priorities and Housing

CREATION of the new War Production Board means far more than a mere shifting of agencies. Its significance is the tremendous power that it delegates to the Chairman of the Board.

Among the very first to feel the heavy hand of this Board will be the construction industry. A drastic freezing order which would stop all but certain classes of construction is now imminent. Already this order has been considered twice by the Clearance Committee which checks all potential priorities orders for unanimity of policy prior to final OK by the Director of Priorities. In each case, the order has been sent back for change. But as this is being written the present draft of the order provides for immediate cessation of all construction not falling within one of the following classes:

- Any construction bearing a priority rating may be completed or begun.
- Any building essential to the public health and welfare (such as hospitals) may be completed, whether or not it has a rating. In the case of new buildings of this type, clearance must be effected before commencing construction.
- 3. Where building foundations have been finished, the general rule will be to allow completion.
- Certain types of farm buildings will be permitted.
- Repair and modernization, where not using critical materials beyond certain amounts, will be permitted—even encouraged.

In all other cases, building will be permitted only through special dispensation.

The original draft of the order also provided that new construction which did not use more than 2,500 pounds of critical materials would be allowed. As a clear indication of the new "tough minded" administration of war production and civilian curtail-

ment to facilitate war production, the Clearance Committee returned the draft containing this provision with instructions to eliminate it entirely.

In the low-cost housing field there is still a tremendous opportunity for privately financed construction in defense areas. Banks and other lending institutions are being pressured by the FHA to put some of their huge amounts of funds into low-cost housing of a defense type. The FHA is urging the use of Title VI of the National Housing Act and is pointing out the marketability of mortgages insured under that title. The whole low-cost housing job cannot be done by public funds alone.

#### FHA changes regulations

In an effort to step up private building to house war workers—especially rental properties—FHA has changed some of its regulations and procedures. Adjustments are being made immediately in FHA construction cost estimates in local areas, in relation to actual building costs, where increases in costs are stabilized and adjustments justified.

Monthly payments on loans insured under Title VI (defense housing insurance) are being reduced by about 11 per cent through elimination of the so-called accelerated amortization provision. Effective Feb. 15, the sum of principal and interest payments on new loans will be substantially the same each month. Up to this time, payments in the first five years have been greater than in the following 15 years. Adoption of a level repayment provision will enable more defense workers to purchase or rent homes constructed with mortgages insured under Title VI. Builders may either sell or rent such properties, and since the FHA is urging the construction of more homes under Title VI for rent, this change in the regulations will reduce the carrying cost for builders and the rent.

The new Lanham Act, which in-

creases the defense housing appropriation to \$600,000,000 and the Community Housing Program appropriation to \$300,000,000, has been sent to the President for signature as this is being written and will undoubtedly be signed. In addition to the increase in appropriation, the Act, as it finally got through Congress, extended the defense housing program to include living quarters for single persons engaged in national defense activities; increased the average unit cost of family dwelling units from \$3,000 to \$3,750 for construction types located within the continental United States, and to \$4,250 for other locations except Alaska where a \$7.500 limit was fixed. It also gives the Administrator discretionary authority to build temporary units where he believes there is not a reasonable prospect of disposing of houses built for defense purposes after the emergency. Houses built with funds appropriated under the Act may not be conveyed to any public or private housing agency engaged in slum clearance or subsidized housing for low income groups without express authorization of Congress. Rentals will be fixed in relation to the value of the property. In case of Army and Navy personnel, the Secretary of War and Secretary of Navv will name rentals.

Special authority is given to the Administrator to adjust rentals to incomes during the emergency. Contracts for the housing will be awarded by competitive bidding.

#### **Priorities**

Supplies of plumbing, heating, and electrical equipment for maintenance and repair will continue to be available through the usual wholesale and retail channels, according to OPM's Priorities Division. Under a new suppliers' order, M-67, suppliers may accept deliveries of plumbing, heating and electrical supplies—and other suppliers, producers, or other persons may make deliveries of such supplies—if the supplier to whom delivery is being made has less than his maximum permissible inventory, and the delivery is of the minimum quan-

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tity commercially procurable.

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It is important to note that the M-67 does not guarantee delivery of any material. Delivery to a supplier depends upon the manufacturer being able to get the necessary materials to fabricate or manufacture plumbing, heating, or electrical supplies. Manufacturers of such supplies may get priority assistance by making application on Form PD-25a addressed to the Production Requirements Branch of OPM.

There has been a change in pro-

cedure for manufacturers who are supplying building materials for defense housing projects. Preference rating order P-55 was amended on Jan. 13 and provides that such manufacturers should, after that date, apply for priority assistance under the Production Requirements Plan. Under the former procedure, building materials manufacturers could extend project ratings to speed up their own purchase orders for necessary materials. Under the new procedure, however, these manufacturers may not extend ratings assigned to projects, but must apply on Form PD-25a for priority assistance.

When a project rating has been given to a particular housing project, the builder may extend that rating to a supplier if the supplier has "not in whole or in part manufactured, produced, assembled, or otherwise physically changed" the materials to fill a rated order. If the supplier has not

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changed the materials, he may apply the rating carried by the project to his own purchase orders for finished items, but when the supplier extends the rating to a manufacturer for the finished item, the manufacturer cannot extend the project rating further to get raw materials but must apply for a rating to get his raw materials under the Production Requirements

The amended order P-55 also requires suppliers to sign an acceptance of P-55 amended before applying its rating to their orders, as well as to get each extension of the order authenticated by an agent of FHA.

One change of considerable value to a supplier is that the amendment allows him to defer application of the ratings assigned to orders filled by him until he can place a purchase order with a manufacturer for the minimum quantity procurable on customary sales terms.

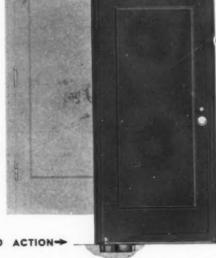
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## DEMOUNTABLE HOUSING INDUSTRY TO BUILD 42,000 DEFENSE HOMES FOR FWA

DEMOUNTABLE housing, given a big boost last month with huge Government orders, moves suddenly into a significant position on the housing front. With FWA programming 42, 000 demountable houses, to be paid for with a \$153,000,000 allocation from the President's emergency

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PLANNING MATERIALS issued for the guidance of prefabricators by FWA include a dozen floor plans, with elevations showing both gable and flat roofs. Because of the urgency, however, prefabricators were asked to concentrate on the three floor plans shown here, and to consider only gable roofs. The standards given for layout, construction and equipment for the demountable houses correspond quite closely with Lanham Act standards issued by USHA.

funds, the prefabricating industry gets its first taste of mass production volume. While it can hardly be said that 42,000 units spread over 50 plants represents the long-heralded arrival of mass-produced housing, it can well prove sufficient volume to short-circuit much of the painful process of developing markets, and to establish at least a few companies in a strong position.

Thus, if for no other reason, the Government's acceptance of the demountable houses holds interesting potentials for architects and engineers. For the enthusiastic predictions of a few years back are again being freely offered, with a new postwar twist like this: 1. Many prefabricators will have a running start into peace-time production; 2. What happens then will be largely dependent on the designers.

The first announcement came early in January and the tempo increased through the month, until the wording was "the entire production capacity of the country's prefabricated house building industry will be used and manufacturers will be required substantially to increase their output." Concurrently the FWA whipped up some suggested floor plans and planning standards to guide prefabricators and site planners, and announced that orders for 35,000 units would be placed during January.

Then, while FWA field men were busy selecting sites in most of the 50 areas, came an announcement of a new scheme contemplating the construction of all types of defense homes in small groupings within a defense area, instead of concentrating them in large numbers.

FWA reports 200 mills and woodworking plants have also indicated a willingness to take part in the program. Site fabrication will also be employed. The anouncements promise a two-shift, seven-day-week production, and the 35,000 units in the first orders are to be ready by July 1.

#### FLAMEPROOFING STRUCTURAL MATER-IALS WITH BOROPHOSPHATE RESIN

By C. A. Crowley, Ph.D.\* and J. B. Mullen, M.S.\*\*

SHOULD AN ENEMY decide to bolster his own morale and impress us with a bombing attack, our chief danger would be from fire. Incendiary bombs by the hundreds can be carried in a plane which can transport only a few explosive bombs. So we should do what we can to increase the fire-resistance of wood structures, particularly those of military significance such as wood hangars, barracks, etc.

Some work has been done with ammonium salts of phosphoric acid and salts of boric acid, but these materials have shortcomings. A recently developed material with few if any defects is a sodium borophosphate polymer, commercially called *Abopon*.

This material is being satisfactorily used in fireproofing textiles, theater drops, etc. Its properties for application to structural materials has been the subject of study. Various commonly used panels were impregnated with 25, 50 and 75 per cent solutions of Abopon. They were then tested with a blowtorch adjusted so that the flame was 1 in, from the panel, with the blast continued for exactly 30 seconds after the material began to flame, and then shut off. Times required after that for flames to cease, and for afterglow to cease. were recorded (see p. 26). Superiority of the treated panels is apparent from these figures. Light, porous

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#### TRENDS IN BRIEF

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Celotex	None 25% 50% 75%	3 10 150 over 300	167	over 300 3 2 2
Nu-Wood	None 25% 50% 75%	37 78 ever 300	35 0 0	ever 300 3 3 2
Upson Board	None 25% 50% 75%	12 18 31	2 1 1 0	over 300 4 2 2
White Pine	None 25% 50% 75%	7 10 12 14	20 1 0	24 5 2

Untreated panels were badly burned over the entire upper two-thirds of the piece. (Each panel was clamped at bottom, and torch flame was directed at a point 2 in. from top and 4 in. from bottom of panel.) In sharp contrast, a round charred area not more than about 2 in. in diameter, and generally smaller, is the extent of damage to panels impregnated with *Abopon*. Also, exposure to the torch flame was greater for treated than for untreated specimens, since it took longer for treated pieces to flame.

Resistance of treated materials to fires caused by incendiary bombs, glowing sparks or the like was tested by means of hot blocks. A steel block  $\frac{3}{4}$  x  $\frac{3}{4}$  x  $\frac{41}{2}$  in., weighing approximately  $10\frac{1}{2}$  oz., heated to  $1500-1600^{\circ}$ F., was laid on a test panel for exactly one minute. Treated panels, without exception, ceased to flame or glow within 20 seconds after removal of the block; untreated panels, in every case, continued to glow for over a minute and had to be quenched. Treated panels were charred only in an area roughly outlining the place where the block lay; the others were charred over virtually their entire

area. Furthermore, actual penetration was markedly less in all treated panels. These tests prove that while treated material may char, and may even flame while in actual contact with the hot object, flames will stop and charring will cease almost at once when the hot object cools or is removed.

Treated materials were also tested for possible loss of the fireproofing agent due to rain. The test was more severe than ordinary exposure. At its conclusion, the average loss of Abopon by weight was approximately 30 per cent. The materials tested were not painted. Yet, Abopon is not soluble in alcohol or oils and therefore can be easily covered by paint or lacquer to protect surface, so that loss due to rain could be made negligible. In fact, cost of painting might be reduced because borophosphate resins seal the porous surfaces of the materils, and prevent raw wood from "sucking in" paint.

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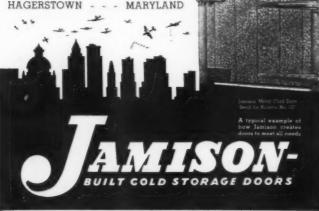
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#### REVIEWS OF CURRENT LITERATURE

By ELISABETH COIT, AIA

THE EARLY ARCHITECTURE OF NORTH CAROLINA: A Pictorial Survey by Frances Benjamin Johnston, with an Architectural History by Thomas Tileston Waterman. Foreword by Leicester B. Holland, FAIA. Chapel Hill, Univ. of North Carolina Press, 1941. 290 plus xxxv pp., 934 by 124 in., illus. \$10.00

HOUSES OF CLD RICHMOND. By Mary Wingfield Scott. Richmond, Va., The Valentine Museum, 1941. 332 plus xii pp., 7¾ by 10½ in., illus. \$5.00

"Colonial colonial" is Professor Holland's name for North Carolina's land-borne style of the period covered in this book—"early 18th Century" to about 1850—as distinguished from the Spanish, French, English, or other sea-borne colonials which adorn the other North Atlantic tidewater states.

From one skillful hand come all the photographs, totalling about 330, and within a suavely harmonious frame showing great variety—with a staircase upside down to add piquancy. The chapters on the churches and on the domestic architecture of the tidewater and the foothills will be to all but the most initiated an astonishing delight.

Acknowledgments are made to the Carnegie Corporation, the H.A.B.S., and Colonial Dames.

Dr. Scott's interest and emphasis are on the side of local history in her story of Richmond's rise from village to commercial and social capital during 1737-1860, as expressed in over a hundred of the homes erected during that period. Short readable accounts of the families concerned and of the later happenings to their homes are supplemented by references to source material; and the pictorial record is the more valuable because it includes about fifteen houses no longer standing.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION: Materials and Types of Construction. By Whitney Clark Huntington. New York, Wiley, 1941. 674 pp., 6 by 9 in., illus. \$6.00

This is a thorough revision of a standard work by the head of the University of Illinois Civil Engineering Department, made to include the past decade's developments in materials, construction types, insulation and acoustics.

The work, designed for students of engineering and architecture and for graduates of limited or specialized practical experience, is in textbook form and cyclopedic in scope, including industrial, scientific and technological aspects of the subject. The well written text, clothed in one of Wiley's best bold-face, roman and italic ensembles, defies fatigue and misunderstanding in the reading and forgetting in the sequel. Of the figures, numbered 237, a high proportion consists of full page groups of diagrams containing from half a dozen to three times that number of well drawn, well captioned drawings from which a child or the merest of lavmen could get a good idea of cavity brick, hollow tile, steel column, stone masonry, glued-laminated truss. and other construction types. References at the chapter ends run from two or three to three score and ten. The index takes all the space it needs both for quick reference and for a legible summary of the contents.

THE PUEBLOS: A Camera Chronicle. By Laura Gilpin. New York, Hastings House, 1942. 124 pp., 7 by 91/4 in., illus. \$3.00

THIS CHRONICLE, twenty years in the making, is primarily authored by a photographer, who acknowledges in generous detail contributions by archaeologists and others to the quite superlatively well organized, attention-compelling text, consisting partly of a short introduction, partly of longish captions immediately adjoining the 75 fine photographs they complement.

While the latest period naturally shows more strictly architectural photographs, pictures of earlier periods powerfully present the extent and settings of dwelling groups, dance piazas, "castles" protecting water sources, and other communal structures, holding their own in their unimaginably gigantic natural surroundings. Among the later dwellings one recognizes with a start that neither the one-family, compact, dazzling, white-walled, flat-roofed Acoma dwelling with its 12-paned double hung

sash, nor the terraced group of apartments of similar construction with outside stairs is not just plumb "modern."

EARLY CHURCHES IN PALESTINE. By J. W. Crowfoot. New York, Oxford Univ. Press, 1941. 166 pp. plus 31 plates, 6 by 9½ in., \$3.50

OF MAINLY archaeological interest. this book by an author long resident in the near East-at the Sudanese and Egyptian Ministries of Education and as director of the British School of Archaeology at Jerusalem-continues the record of churches cleared since 1920. Those of the fourth to the seventh century-the period which opened Europe's dark ages but which was bright with the architectural record of Christian achievement from Constantinople to Africa-forming the subject of the 1937 Schweich Lectures of the British Academy are here shown, the fragmentary finds being described and illustrated by some fifty detail photographs and a score of plans.

THE ST. MARK'S NEIGHBORHOOD: A Study of Housing and General Property Conditions in a Congested Urban Area. New York, Community Service Society, 1941. 43 mim. pp., 81/2 by 11 in., diagrams. \$0.50

This survey of 95 acres containing 22 blocks in Manhattan's Lower East Side tells in competent prose and 11 maps of the "improvement" of Peter Stuyvesant's orchard with reference to historic development, population changes, vital statistics, land values, building values, age and type of structure, parks, playgrounds and other communal facilities, alterations to buildings during the last decade, tax arrears and zoning regulations. Recommendations are made for the various parts of the area with respect to the recent New York State Urban Redevelopment Act. The Society's Housing Committee, which made the study in cooperation with New York University's School of Commerce and the Real Estate, Accounts and Finance Departments, plans to take the necessary steps for putting its recommendations into action.

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HOW TO DESIGN AND INSTALL PLUMBING. By A. J. Matthias, Jr. Chicago, American Technical Society [c. 1941], 442 pp., 5½ by 8½ in., illus. \$3.00

A SLIGHTLY ENLARGED edition of a practical handbook first published less than two years ago, written by a technician and teacher for student, tradesman and home owner. The material ranges from rural waste disposal to institutional plumbing; both the text and illustrations—these chiefly diagrammatic—are clear and informing; there are questions for

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test and revision purposes and a serviceable index. Readers will wonder now and again: at inclusion, for example, of several non-essential full-page indistinct half-tones; at the post-dating in the imprint; at finding the portable bathtub among historic "installations"; at the statement that the bidet, "at one time used in residences," is "a form of bath used in hospitals to wash the lower extremities of the body."

#### PERIODICAL LITERATURE

TREND OF AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE. By Talbot F. Hamlin. Harper's Magazine, New York, Jan., 1942. pp. 164-171

A SYMPATHETIC EXPOSE of the parts played by business, by tradition, by snobbery, and by free imagination in the making of buildings which are good or bad because "within the terms of each problem involved they are a good or a bad answer to it." Home building continues to show little progress, although California homes and even a few of the latest experimental defense houses show originality and spontaneity. On the other hand, where tradition has little say American architecture combines service and beauty, solidity and economy of line and material: witness the San Francisco and Bronx-Whitestone bridges, schools of different types, outdoor recreation areas such as Jones Beach, complicated express highways and the TVA dams.

NEWS ITEMS FROM ATHENS. By Elizabeth Pierce Blegen. American Journal of Archaeology, Concord, N. H., Oct.-Dec., 1941. pp 631-2

ASTONISHINGLY LITTLE known damage to works of art in Greece is reported as a result of the war. Delphi and Olympia were not under fire; destruction surrounds the Heraklion Museum in Crete but the Museum escaped; a bomb exploding in the Museum garden at Thebes did no harm to the exhibits; explosions at Eleusis broke the Museum windows and shook some of the mended pottery to pieces; some of the Acropolis

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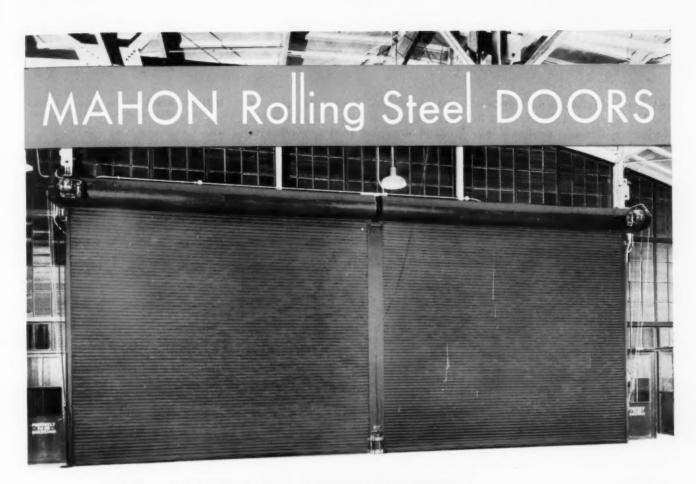


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and Kerameikos Museums' treasure had been removed to safety, and in the National Museum smaller objects stored in the basement of the new wing were protected by five stories of reinforced concrete construction above; Corinth's earthquake-proof Museum with doors and windows sandbagged is better able to withstand explosion than any other in Greece: here smaller pieces were stored, and sand was laid deep in the sculpture gallery to provide a soft bed for statues left standing.



MONOGRAPHS. Oculus. New York (New York Chapter of AIA), December, 1941,

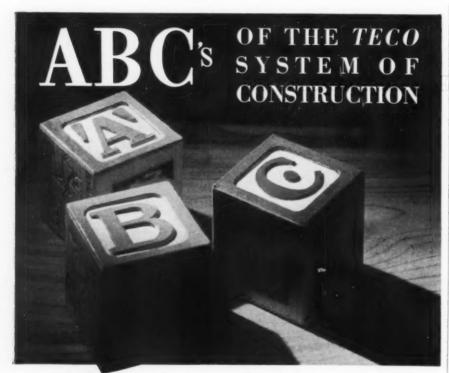
In REPLY to a member's question as to the appropriateness of the Monograph series "Architecture and Design" as a vehicle for the work of AIA members, the Chapter Committee on Professional Practice records its opinions: "The . . . system of publishing the work of individual firms is a valuable contribution to the public relations of the profession. . . . To make such publication commercially possible, it must be supported as are other architectural magazines by advertising matter. Provided pressure methods in soliciting advertising are not used, and provided the space to the advertiser is reasonably equivalent to the price . . . no objection to this method of publication.'

OXALIC ACID . . . [and Other Products from Wood Waste]. Michigan Architect and Engineer, Detroit, Nov., 1941. pp. 97-8

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RAISING THE ROOF IN MISSOURI.
United Roofer, Philadelphia, Dec., 1941. p. 15, illus.

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## REMODELING-A WARTIME MANDATE

WITH THE PINCH of priorities getting painful, as forecast by ARCHITECTURAL RECORD (AR 11/41, 1/42), and in view of the President's recent galvanic call for war production, the rehabilitation of existing structures is increasingly indicated.

Reasons for modernization are impelling: 1. Speed and more speed is the cry that accompanies every order for industrial buildings or defense housing: 2. Utilization of existing buildings saves critical materials for still more urgent use. The call comes clearly from Washington, implemented with the assurance of priorities assistance for every directly essential modernization project.

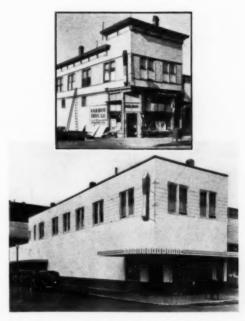
The professional aspects of modernization should need no belaboring. While many firms of architects and engineers are swamped with war work, their offices crowded with new personnel and lighted into the wee hours, others find themselves becalmed in non-defense areas. To these, modernization may prove the only means of providing for civilian building needs. And the most-nearly-priorities-proof means of keeping the office intact until the mushrooming defense program calls for its talents, or even until the post-war period opens the door to manifold new opportunities.

As to industrial buildings, a recent survey of the National Association of Real Estate Boards indicates that when the United States entered the war there was usable space in 76 per cent of the cities of the country, but that in half of them there was already a practical need for modernizing industrial space. Every movement since then to intensify the war effort adds to this need, as it broadens the list of items required for military operations.

In housing, the push for conversion and alteration has been on for some months. Even before the famous "SPAB-9" order, FHA had begun its "Repair for Defense" program, giving every encouragement in financing to such rehabilitation as would create new housing units in defense areas. Priorities aid carries higher ratings than new construction for defense workers. And such modernization is specifically exempt from Federal Reserve Board restrictions on credits. FHA Title I has been amended to give additional inducements. Finally, automobile and tire restrictions will inevitably put a premium on close-in locations, giving a further competitive advantage to large old houses that are simply crying for improvement.

HOLC, too, has joined in the campaigning, and has undertaken to supply free advice to property owners. HOLC has a \$100,000 appropriation from the President's emergency funds to hire fee architects and technicians to supplement its own staff. This agency has gone so far as to suggest mass modernization much along the lines of slum clearance.

"Intelligent leadership combined with exceptional vision and technical skill will be necessary," says Howard Leland Smith, chief of the architectural section of FHA, "if real and lasting benefits are to be obtained. It seems logical, therefore, that the architect, by reason of his experience and training, should assume a large share of this leadership."



Plywood and paint clean up an old building in Hoquiam, Wash. H. K. Wilson, architect. Other Hoquiam store remodeling on page 44



Refurbished offices in the Studebaker plant, South Bend, Ind. W. L. Brunner, architect; Frank Wright and Charles Roessler associated

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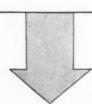
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Before ARCHITECT MORRIS LAPIDUS remodeled this Brooklyn, N. Y., house for his own use, it was an undistinguished, wasteful type that is found in almost every American community. With relatively simple changes, a house with completely modern living facilities has resulted. At right Mr. Lapidus discusses remodeling in wartime



RENOVATED EXTERIOR. White composition shingles resurface the first floor; terrace of brick and slate

## HOUSE REMODELING

By MORRIS LAPIDUS, Architect

Wartime priority limitations and mounting costs are a serious deterrent to the construction of new private homes today. But in most communities, there are many outmoded houses, purchasable at reasonable cost, which can be advantageously remodeled according to modern standards with materials that are readily available. Frequently these houses contain heating and plumbing systems that need little or no change. In the following notes, based on my experience with my own house, shown on these two pages, I have attempted to point out a few considerations and rules of thumb which are pertinent to any such work undertaken today.

exterior. The most everyday house can be considerably improved in appearance by slight additions to and deductions from the original structure. The "style" of the house, set by the original structure, need not obviate achieving a modern character—which derives largely from simplification and designing interior areas to serve their functions more logically. Super-imposition of "modern" features results only in banality and superficiality. To keep cost down, minimize exterior alteration work, and avoid actual structural change wherever possible. Instead of tearing out side walls and roof, resurface with available, durable materials. Retain present fenestration as far as is compatible with the new interior living spaces. Judicious landscaping will increase the apparent size of the plot and help overcome the stilted appearance of many of these older houses.

PLAN. In securing an open, modern plan within the old framework at moderate cost, leave exterior walls as they are and re-use as much existing interior partitioning as possible. Throw unused hall space, small parlors and music rooms into one sizable general living area, adapted to many uses and furniture arrangements. If the house has an unnecessarily large kitchen, rearrange for a compact modern kitchen, plus a breakfast room or dining alcove. Make use of left-over areas for new closets, a lavatory or powder room.

INTERIOR MATERIALS. Select available materials for long life and low maintenance cost. Several modern panel or roll surfacing materials are available that can cover over old walls and ceilings and unify the different areas. Replace heavy molded trim with simple, flat trim. Use light fixtures solely as light sources and not as points of decoration.



LIVING AREA. A fabric-surfaced wall covering is used on walls; the ceiling is of compressed wood panels



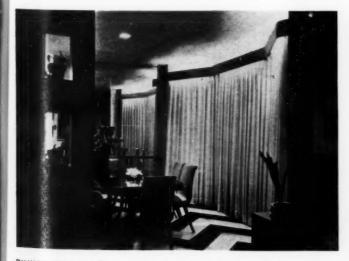
BAR DETAIL (shown closed below)



STAIR CORNER. Built-in furniture flanked by cabinets of rift-sawn oak



TOWARD DINING ROOM. A card table and cabinets line the wall



DINING ROOM. One wall is mirrored; the floor is linoleum



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FRONT (Before, above; after, at left)













REAR (Before, above; after, at left)

## REMODELED FARM HOUSE

wilton, conn., farm house. Polhemus & coffin, architects. A good example of the type of residential remodeling which has been widely practiced in the older sections of the country. The process includes both retention and renovation of admired period characteristics and addition of modern living comforts. In this case, two wings were added—one at the side, one at the rear—and the old central structure was reconditioned and replanned to fit in with a contemporary scheme of living. In the old portion, original woodwork which existed under numerous layers of paint was brought back to the natural wood and waxed. In addition to modern heating and plumbing, new facilities include insulation in all attic and new wing walls. The contractor for the job was H. C. Atwater, Inc.

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## TWO BUILT-IN UNITS

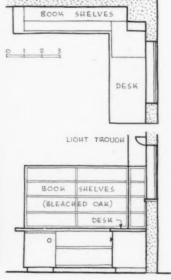
PAUL BROMBERG, DESIGNER





THIS PIECE OF FURNITURE, worked out in birch, combines cupboards, drawers, a glass-front china case and a writing table. The cupboards are accessible from both the kitchen and the dining room. The writing table is well adapted for use as a sideboard or as a serving bar for informal entertaining.





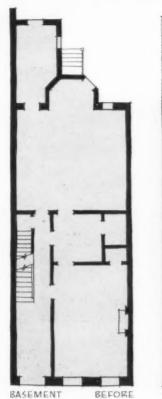
IN THIS CORNER UNIT, a desk and bookcase are joined to form a study area in what was formerly unused space. The desk surface is flush with and an extension of the top of the bookcase base. Both natural and artificial light come from the same direction. The entire unit is of bleached oak.

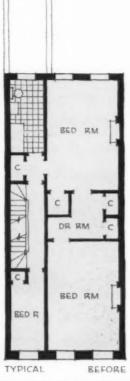






BEDFORD, N. Y. JAN VINK, ARCHITECT





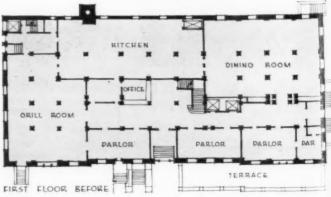
## CITY HOUSE— APARTMENTS



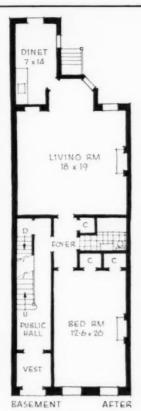
NOS. 9 AND 11 PARK AVE., NEW YORK CITY. JAMES E. CASALE, ARCHITECT. One owner acquired the two adjoining brownstone houses shown in the photographs. The one on the left was remodeled as the owner's home; the other (see plans) was converted into six house-keeping apartments—five of which were rented from the plans: the sixth by the time the remodeling was completed. Almost all of the original structure and materials were either salvaged and reused or renovated in their existing locations. Entrances were lowered to the basement level and new windows replaced the former doors. The facade was surfaced with imitation limestone. The architect reports: "The apartment rentals will, from present indications, exceed the cost of the entire job in less than three years."

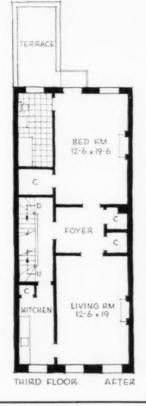










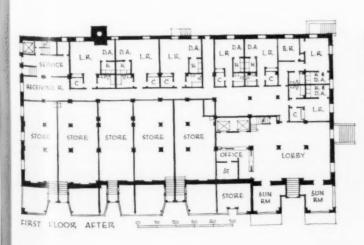


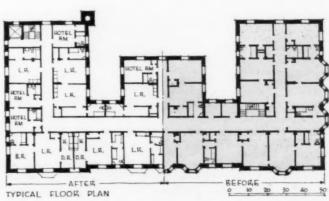


## HOTEL

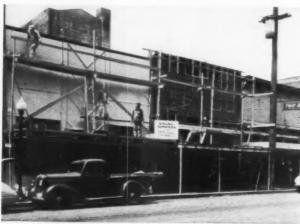
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON HOTEL, ST. LOUIS, MO. FRANK CANN, ARCHITECT.

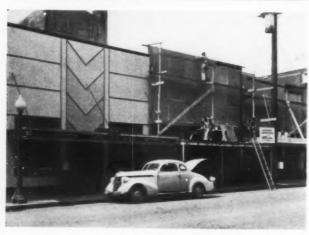
This is the fourteenth building that the owners have taken over as a liability, remodeled and changed into an asset. And one of the chief factors in its success, they emphasize, is that the existing structure was used as far as possible. Practically all partitions, window and door openings, heating and plumbing lines and wiring were reused. Before renovation, the 1903 wall-bearing structure contained 165 hotel rooms and large (unprofitable) lobbies and dining rooms. Today there are 72 apartments, 06 hotel rooms and five stores—almost always 100 per cent rented.





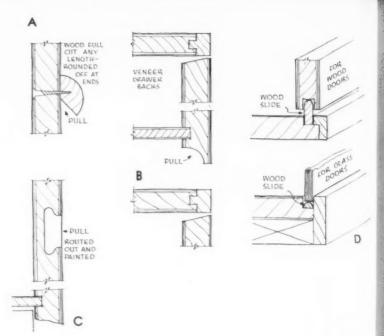








FACE LIFTING OF SIMPSON AVE., HOQUIAM, WASH. HAROLD K. WILSON, ARCHITECT. Old fronts were trued up with nailing strips. Following line production methods, exterior plywood was applied in various patterns, and fresh coats of paint completed the job—with minimum use of "short" materials. The project took 30 days; its cost was \$1,200



## STORE REMODELING

By DALE STEISON, Designer of the remodeled Davison Paxon Store, Atlanta, Ga., shown on the opposite page and on page 46

Due to present conditions, many materials customarily used in store remodeling have become scarce, prohibitive, or off the market. Under the worst conditions, however, we will probably still have left the two most important materials—wood and paint. A lot can be done with these alone.

Confronted with this situation, store designers can do one of two things—change details where possible, or make no change and use temporary substitutions where necessary. For example, certain items of hardware such as drawer pulls can be eliminated without sacrifice of design standards, as indicated in sketches A, B and C. Small sliding doors will function acceptably on a rounded wood track as shown in sketch D. Old hang rods can often be reused. If they cannot be plated now, paint them a bright color as often as necessary.

If fluorescent wall case lighting is not available, most old stores have plenty of used incandescent equipment that can be reused.

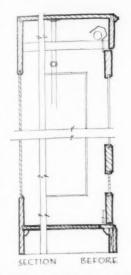
Many pieces of old fixture cabinet work which were formerly discarded because of labor expense involved in modernizing them, can now be reused at a saving due to advances in the price of materials over labor.

It is possible that present conditions should change the designer's and store owner's approach to current modernization. Instead of thinking in terms of fine cabinet work and permanent installation, it might be wise—and profitable—to think in terms of temporary large-scale display, using display techniques—wall board and batten construction, with water color paint to dress up existing interiors. In other words, this would amount to a sort of masquerade, in which the boldest of colors and conceptions can be executed because they are not permanent, and because they are not expensive.

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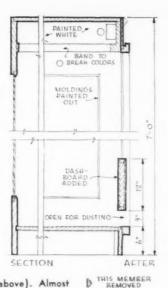
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TYPICAL REMODELED CASE (above). Almost as much material was removed as was added. Receding wood and glass doors with their mechanisms and tracks were removed. A new cornice was added with a groove provided for cut-out letters. A dash board just above the base gives an even hem for dresses on display, conceals lighting and facilitates dusting

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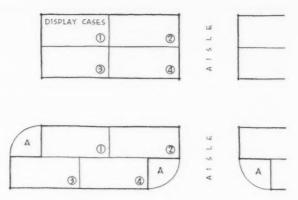
POCHET FOR CUTOUT LETTERS IV2" SOLID WALNUT THIS MEMBER ADDED

Store owners frequently write off the expense of modernization in 10 years, charging the department involved so much per year—let's say \$1,000 a year for 10 years. Using this technique, an owner could change his department twice a year for about \$200, always have a store with a fresh appearance and still save \$800 a year toward the kind of modernization that is eventually desired.

The alternate theory is to do the best possible under existing difficulties, building well and planning well. One thing is certain. There will be no priority on the time and talents of those whose business it is to give intelligent study to store conditions and plans for the future.

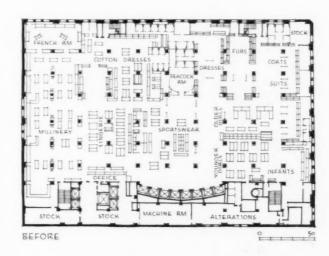
## DEPARTMENT STORE

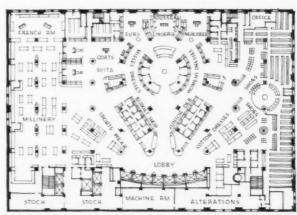
DAVISON PAXON DEPARTMENT STORE, ATLANTA, GA. DALE STETSON, DESIGNER AND SUPERVISOR. In remodeling this department store, the problem was to reassemble and modernize each department following a preconceived plan for the whole store. A typical "before" and "after" plan is shown at right. As cost was . controlling factor, all existing equipment was re-used; the work on both renovating of old equipment and construction of new backgrounds—cabinets, cases, etc.—was handled in the store's own carpenter and paint shop under the direct supervision of the designer, who pro-tem was employed by the store in an executive capacity. By this means, new fixtures were manufactured at cost, and knotty problems of how to use all salvageable materials were handled with least possible delay. In round numbers, the cost averaged about \$1 per square foot of floor space. The details at the top of the page illustrate a few of the more adroit improvements which were made at low cost.



A = DISPLAY PLATFORMS

90 PER CENT REARRANGEMENT. Typical display cases, staggered on off-center alignment, with low display platforms added at the corners





AFTER

TYPICAL BEFORE AND AFTER PLAN. Originally the plan was the typical "block plan" layout of display areas and departments. The rearranged plan is based on the fact that customers land on this floor from a single bank of elevators at one side. Hence the new traffic lanes radiate from this source. Departments located in rear corners gain in visibility and accessibility and the radiating scheme means minimum traveling distance for both customer and sales clerk in consummating a sale. Fitting rooms adjoin selling cases, and wrapping rooms are near by.

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NOTE: The designer tells us that the inspiration for this unconventional layout was a pin ball machine. Imagine the customer to be the ball. She can easily reach many departments
but instinctively aims for the bullseye—which, in this case, is
where the more expensive clothes are sold

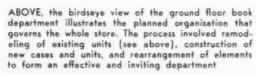


NEW BOOK DEPARTMENT





BOOK TABLE—BEFORE AND AFTER Doors removed; shelves added; more merchandise displayed



AT RIGHT are three details. The top one shows a variation on the remodeled cases detailed on the preceding page. Here, with the cases used for children's clothes, two drawers are incorporated at the base

THE MIDDLE PHOTO shows extremely inexpensive new display cases in the basement store. Built entirely of 3/4-in. pine, they are finished with half-round trim. Paint and good lighting do the rest

AT BOTTOM is the second-floor shoe shop, separated from the main floor physically but not visually by a low partition just out of the photograph at left









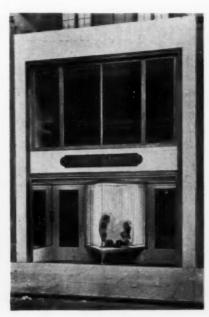
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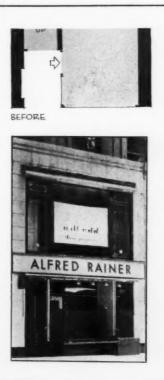


### SPECIALTY SHOP

FUR SHOP, NEW YORK CITY. PAUL BRY, DESIGNER. The problem was to separate the apartment house and shop entrances, provide direct access to the shop from the sidewalk, dramatize a specialized display case, and to improve the design generally. The interior finishes of mirror, fabrics and glass have special news significance in the face of current priority limitations.







EXTERIOR. Business expansion to include the second floor space is architecturally expressed in the unified "after" scheme. The central, triangular display case is reflected in wall mirrors at either side of the entrance recess which are fully visible to those approaching the store from either direction

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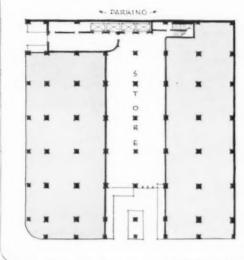


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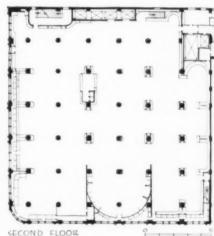
### STORE

PARMELEE-DOHRMANN STORE, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. HARBIN F. HUNTER, ARCHITECT. Although the new store occupies the upper floors and basement of this 4-story building, skillful planning called for only two bays plus a rear entrance corridor on the first floor. By this device, a minimum of expensive ground floor space was required; yet the building elevators are part of the store, and there is valuable direct access from the large parking lot at the rear. The new store front is faced in ceramic veneer and glass block. Trim and letters are of nickel silver. The general contractor was C. W. Driver, Inc.



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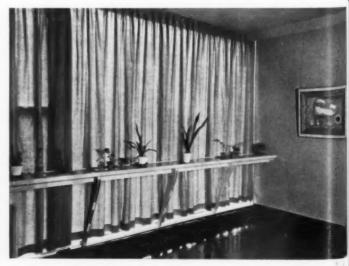
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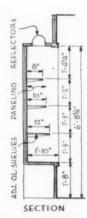
### LOW COST PRIVATE OFFICE



SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE, IOWA WPA ART PROGRAM, DES MOINES. WILLIAM FRIEDMAN, DESIGNER. The problem was to design inexpensive interior and furnishings, to be executed by unskilled or semi-skilled labor, for a typical office space with a wall-to-wall window facing west. The ceiling was furred down and covered with painted corrugated board. The east wall was furred and finished in 3-ply fir squares with pickled finish.



 WEST (WINDOW) WALL. The plant shelf is supported by brace and ceiling wires, providing clearance for full-length draperies



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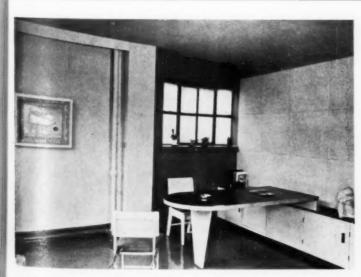
ABOVE is a detail of wall case unit shown in the photo (at right) of the first floor, rear. Typical of most of the fixture work, the case is of lath, plaster and wood. BELOW are three schemes developed to give structural columns a useful and effective merchandising task



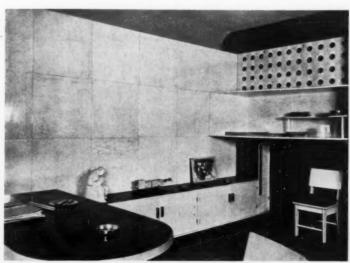








2. FURNITURE and cabinets of plywood with pressed wood work surfaces



3. EAST WALL covered in plywood. Vents conceal exhaust fan

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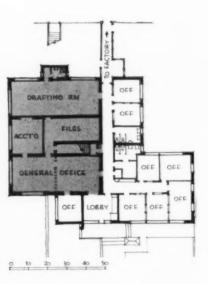




### OFFICE BUILDING

FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, SAN DIEGO, CALIF. FRANK L. HOPE JR., ARCHITECT. From this 30-year-old building, the projecting cornice and belt courses, engaged columns and arches were removed. The bottom two floors were resurfaced with bronze-colored terra cotta units above a black granite base. The upper wall surfaces of buff glazed brick were retained and cleaned, and where elements had been removed the new surfaces are of glazed tile, specially fabricated in color and size to match the existing face brick. Cost: \$60,000. The general contractor was Walter Trepte.





### FACTORY OFFICES

GORTON MACHINE COMPANY OFFICE BUILDING, RACINE, WIS. FRANK J. HOFFMAN. ARCHITECT. The enlarged office building is an extension of the first floor level beyond the confines of the old building (at right). The drafting room and chief engineer's office are at the rear, nearest the factory: purchasing department and general offices are logically nearest the main lobby. On the second floor are air supply and exhaust fans and compressor equipment. Control of air for both ventilation and cooling is individual with each office. There is a complete intercommunicating system between offices and factory building. The general contractor was Johnson and Henrickson.



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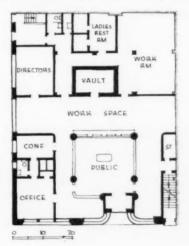






### BANK

UNION FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN BUILD-ING, EVANSVILLE, IND. RALPH LEGEMAN, ARCHITECT. The problem was to convert a 25-year-old building into offices for the association and a related insurance agency. Columns were removed from the public space and replaced by reinforced concrete columns (and attendant new second-floor framing) at the four corners of this area. Plate glass is used on the front of the building; glass block elsewhere. Ventilation is accomplished by fan circulation; the building is year-round air conditioned. Interior walls are surfaced in plaster, oak plywood or flexible wood veneer. Contractor for the job was J. Bippus & Son.





ORIGINAL 1862 church

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TIFFIN. OHIO. ALOYS FRANK HERMAN, HOWARD THOS. SIMONS, ARCHI-TECTS. General contractor, Hossler Brothers.





RECONSTRUCTED after a damaging fire, the new church was awarded an Ohio Architects Society medal for excellence of design. The new spire is of fireproof construction

### STRUCTURAL ECONOMIES IN REMODELING

As MATERIALS for normal types of new construction become more and more scarce, the technical as well as the economic justification for remodeling becomes increasingly apparent. "Doing the most with the least" is more than ever a mandate that controls wartime building. Thus, ingenious construction economies in remodeling operations become of first importance in overcoming the limitations of a wartime emergency.

Phrased differently, this means that critical materials *must* be conserved in remodeling as in new construction. This is fundamental to any building operation today—whether or not the structure rates priority assistance. And the extent to which technical ingenuity can achieve sweeping conservation of scarce building materials may determine—now and in the forseeable future—whether or not a project will go forward beyond the stage of plans and specifications.

Following paragraphs—and the Time-Saver Standards details that accompany them— are notes that will be found useful in designing for the "war economy construction" of remodeling projects. They have been adapted from a wide number of reliable technical sources and are applicable to a wide variety of building types and structural conditions.

Foundations: It is fair to assume that foundation remodeling problems will be comparatively simple, primarily because elaborate alterations or complicated underpinning operations will probably prove too expensive in both effort and material in the majority of cases. But however simple they may be, foundations justify the greatest care in design, specifications and field supervision. Particularly important points to check are:

1. Type of structure. If reinforced concrete is indicated steel should be figured at the minimum (see pp. 59 and 60 of this issue) and the concrete mix carefully adjusted to it so that stability, continuity of bearing and anchorage and waterproofness are assured. The use of mass concrete with a less-than-usual proportion of reinforcing is a possibility that de-

serves investigation in each case.

Timber supports — particularly where re-spanning is indicated—may be applicable depending upon local conditions. But not all grades or species of timber are equally good for such application. Recommendations of such agencies as the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory and the National Association of Lumber Manufacturers should be followed. And in virtually all cases foundation timbers of any sort should be treated with a wood preservative approved by the same technical authorities.

2. Waterproofing. This is partly a matter of providing adequate surface drainage and partly a question of flashing. It involves also the construction of the foundation walls and sub-surface floors. In concrete construction both integral and membrane waterproofing may be necessary. Dense concrete made with a watercement ratio not exceeding 1 to 6. properly placed and cured, is inherently water-tight. But unit masonry walls will usually require two exterior skim coats 3/8 in. thick, using a proportion of 1 part cement to 2 parts sand and embodying a stearate or some other type of integral waterproofing compound. Usual types of metal flashing use critical materials and will be increasingly scarce. But new types made of corrosion-proofed sheet steel and asphalt coated flexible membranes are appearing in place of copper, zinc and lead sheets.

Floors. Most remodeling complications relative to floors involve either waterproofing or heat losses in subsurface floors on fill or methods to prevent sound transmission between floors. The waterproofing problem can be variously solved by measures similar to those used in sub-grade walls to accomplish the same purpose. To reduce heat losses and prevent condensation some sort of insulation must usually be employed—either as surfacing or as a part of the floor construction itself.

For example, with a 4-in. concrete slab poured on earth, about 74 per cent of heat loss can be stopped by installing a yellow pine sub-floor on sleepers and surfacing with maple or oak flooring. Where a concrete floor already exists, an even more efficient method is to install a 1-in. layer of rigid insulation board protected on both sides with membrane water-proofing and then pour an additional concrete slab on top. Even without additional surfacing this construction effects about a 67 per cent reduction in heat loss compared with a double-slab floor minus the insulation. And if the wood flooring just described is added, the heat loss is reduced an additional 12 per cent.

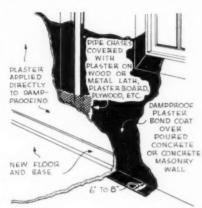
The problem of controlling sound transmission through floors also may involve use of a double-membrane floor with a "sandwich filling" of insulation blanket. Suggested details of such constructions are shown in the Time-Saver Standards on page 55. Although these do not, by any means, exhaust the structural possibilities, they emphasize two cardinal principles of sound transmission control: one, development of a relatively great mass in material; and second, dampening of sound vibration through use of dissimilar materials in close association.

Walls. Graphic suggestions in Time-Saver Standard details do not include several excellent construction methods that involve extensive use of metal—particularly the use of metal studs for hollow partitions and solid partitions formed by plastering on both sides of metal lath. They do, however, reflect the wide adaptability of masonry and wood frame construction to remodeling problems.

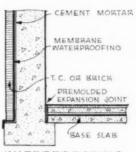
Material in the following six pages of Time-Saver Standards was compiled and drawn by Carl T. Sigman. Sources included a large number of building material manufacturers, practicing architects and engineers and the technical staffs of a number of trade associations. Among these particular credit is due the following: Portland Cement Association, Structural Clay Products Institute, National Association of Lumber Manufacturers, the National Lime Association and the United States Gypsum Co.

### **REMODELING CONSTRUCTION: 1—Foundation Details**



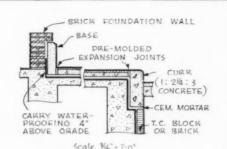


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WATERPROOFING AGAINST GROUND-WATER PRESSURE

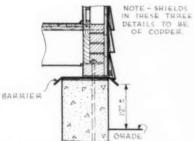
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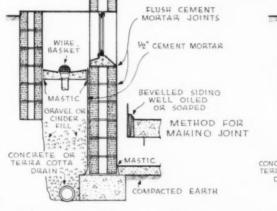
WATER PROOFING
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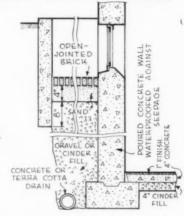
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BASEMENT FLOORS, STEPS, CORNER POSTS, PIERS, COLUMNS	3,000 sq IN	DAMP	WET	VERY WET	1	24	3	11/2 in.
FOUNDATION WALLS WHICH NEED NOT BE WATERTIGHT, MASS CONC. FOR FOOTINGS, RETAINING WALLS, ENGINE BASES.	2,000 sq. IN	64	5/2	4 1/4	1	21/4	4	1½ in.



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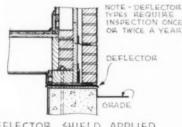


WATERPROOFED CONCRETE BLOCK FOUNDATION WALL

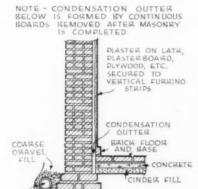


CONCRETE FOUNDATION WALL WITH AREA

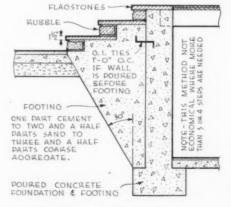
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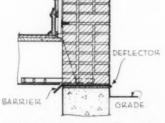
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BRICIA FOUNDATION AND BASEMENT FLOOR



CONCRETE FOUNDATION AND FOOTING FOR STEPS



COMBINATION - SHIELD APPLIED TO SOLID MASONRY CONSTRUCTION

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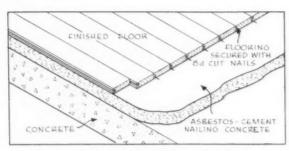
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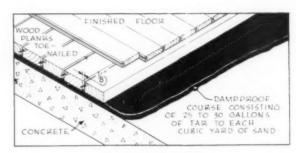
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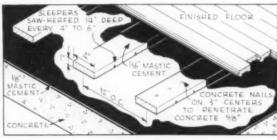
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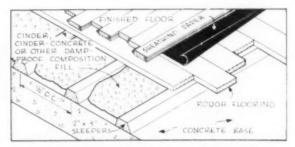
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WITH UNDERLAYER OF NAILING CONCRETE



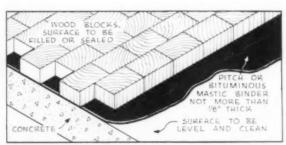
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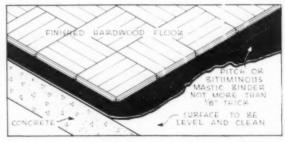
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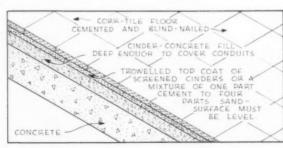
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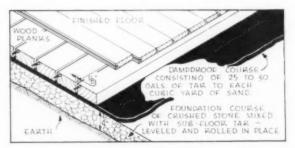
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WOOD FLOOR OVER CONCRETE IN MASTIC

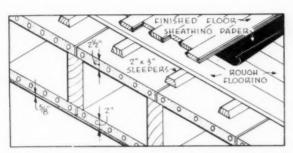


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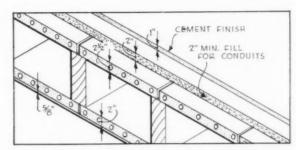


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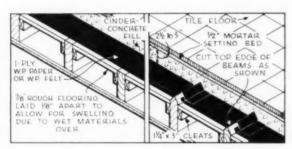
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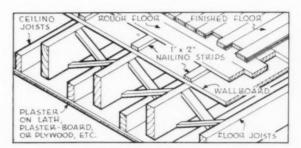
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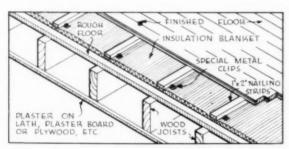
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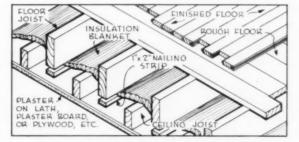
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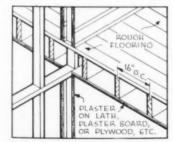
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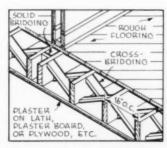
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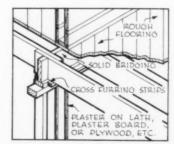
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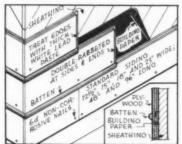
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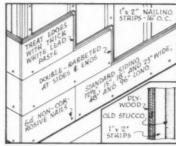
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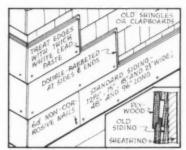
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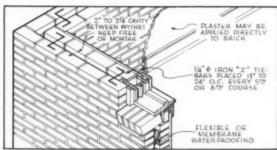
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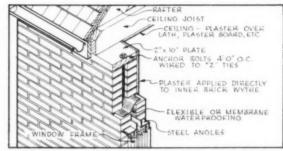
PLYWOOD SIDING OVER OLD STUCCO OR BRICK



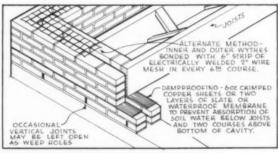
PLYWOOD SIDING OVER OLD SHINGLES OR CLAPBOARDS



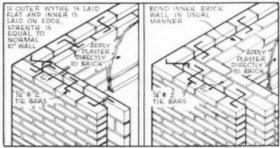
BIGICIA CAVITY WALL-CORNER AND DETAIL AT WINDOW



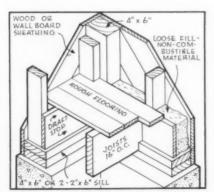
BRICK CAVITY WALL - SECTION THROUGH PLATE AND WINDOW HEAD



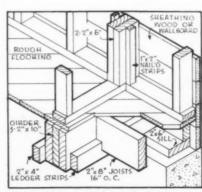
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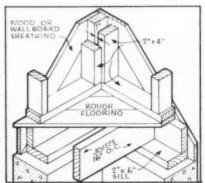
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BRACED FRAME CONSTRUCTION OUTSIDE CORNER

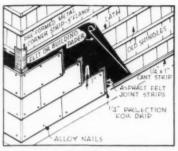


FRAMING A BEARING PARTITION AT OUTSIDE WALL

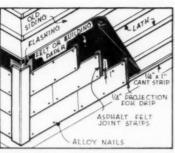


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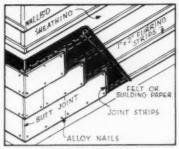
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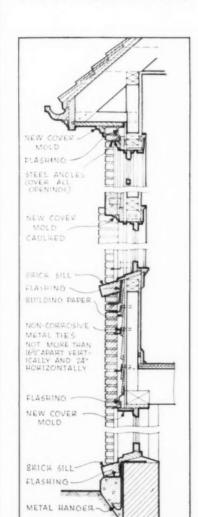
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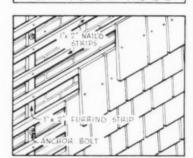
NEW BRICK VENEER
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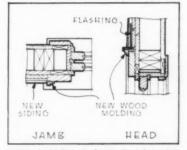
### ASBESTOS CEMENT SHINGLES

NOTE THAT NAILS THROUGH BUTT OF SHINGLE REST ON TOP EDGE OF SHINGLE BELOW, CIVING PROPER ALIGNMENT OF COURSES. ALL EXPOSED NAILS MUST BE ALLOY RUST-PROOF. JOINT STRIPS MUST OVERLAP SHINGLE BELOW BY I".

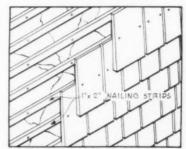
WOOD	SHINGLE	TABLE
LENGTH OF		
	SINGLE COURSE	DOUBLE COURSE
16"	6" TO 71/2"	8" TO 12"
16"	6 TO 81/2"	8" to 14"
24"	8° TO 11"	100 TO 120



WOOD SHINGLES OVER OLD BRICK CONSTRUCTION

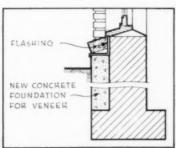


NEW MOLDING AND FLASHING FOR USE WITH NEW SIDING

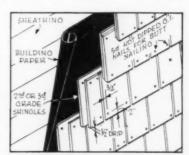


WOOD SHINGLES OVER OLD STUCCO CONSTRUCTION

NOTE - CENTER TO CENTER OF NAILING STRIPS = SHINGLE EXPOSURE.



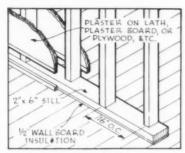
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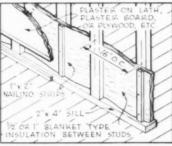
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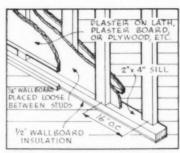
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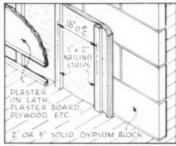
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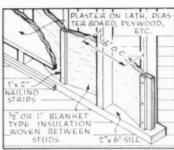
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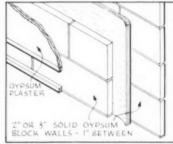
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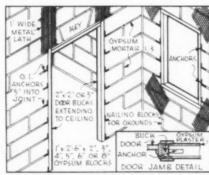
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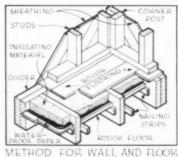
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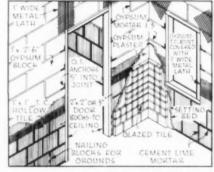
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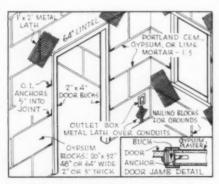
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FOR EXTENSION OVER PORCH



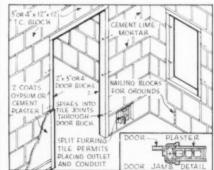
TERRA COTTA BLOCK PARTITION TO HEIGHT OF GLAZED TILE



GYPSUM SOLID OR HOLLOW PARTITION TILE-2



ABOVE SUB-STRUCTURE



TERRA COTTA HOLLOW PARTITION TILE



TYPICAL OF NEW WAR-TIME USES to which concrete is now being put is this hangar for Navy airplanes. It was designed by the engineering firm of Roberts and Schaefer, with a thin-shell four-unit arch without interior framing members. Exposed arch ribs are of 294 ft. span and 81 ft. rise

### NEW WAYS TO SAVE STEEL IN CONCRETE

WITH A HUGE BUILDING PROGRAM still ahead, and with metals becoming almost daily more critical, architects and engineers are looking more and more to such non-critical materials as concrete. Concrete specialists have been no less active in attempting to simplify design technique to conserve reinforcing steel.

Recent statements from two authorities point the way ahead. Carried to a logical conclusion the comments of Dr. Hugh L. Dryden, Bureau of Standards, and studies by engineers of the Portland Cement Association would imply a revision in both the theory and practice of concrete design. At least they offer specific suggestions for conserving steel.

#### Steel in concrete floors

The comparison of steel requirements in various floor construction systems is by no means a simple subject, and authorities do not always agree. Dr. Dryden wrote recently: "The amount of steel needed in two-way reinforced slabs usually is considerably less than that needed in one-way reinforced slabs. The amount of reduction depending on the ratio of width to length of slab, the span, and the loading. In general, the steel reinforcement needed in reinforced

concrete slabs may be reduced by the use of light-weight fillers of structural clay tile or hollow concrete blocks."

Offering disagreement on some points are the results of some recent studies of specific designs, by the Portland Cement Association (see chart, page 60). P. C. A. engineers report: "In 1940, before the steel shortage became acute, seven types of concrete floor systems were designed including the supporting beams.\* The studies included three live loads-50, 100, 150 p.s.f.-and three span lengths-15, 20, 25 ft. At that time, comparative cost was the object, but today, while cost is still a vital problem, it is the steel quantities that are of special interest. The following steel quantities in lb. per sq. ft. of floor area for seven types of floors are taken from these design studies for 20-ft. span and 100-lb.

1.	20-in, metal pans	2.77
2.	30-in, metal pans	2.58
3.	12-in. masonry filler	3.54
4.	16-in. masonry filler	3.43
	One-way slab	3.01
6.	Two-way slab	3.70
7	Flat slah	2 13

<sup>\*</sup>By the Structural Bureau of the Portland Cement Association. Design based on A.C.I. Code 1936 with  $f_2=20,000\,$  p.s.i.,  $f_{c'}=2,500\,$  c.s.i.

"One point that stands out is the superiority of the flat slab\*\* design, which requires only 2.13 lb. of steel per sq. ft. The designs that have most steel are types 3, 4 and 6—floors with masonry fillers and the two-way solid slab. The floors with metal pans and the one-way slab are between the extremes . . .

"Neither flat slab nor solid slab ceilings need metal lath or plaster. Ceilings that require suspended ceilings with metal lath should have approximately one-half pound added to their steel factors. Types 1 and 2, with suspended ceiling included, will then require approximately 3.2 p.s.f., and compared with this figure both flat slab and solid slab show a definite margin of saving.

"Flat slab construction has been regarded as suitable especially for heavy warehouse loads. Actually, flat slab will often show a saving both in cost and steel for light load construction such as apartments, and it deserves consideration in many other occupancies.

"Increasing the load increases all steel factors, but the smallest increase in steel is in the flat slab, the superi-

<sup>\*\*</sup>Flat slab here means girderless solid slab with drop panels, column capitals and two-way reinforcements.

ority of which becomes more marked the greater the load."

#### Lowering live load estimates

Steel conservation possibilities in reinforced concrete columns, as given by the P.C.A., are put in tabular form on this page. The data compare tied and spiral columns for different column sizes, different concrete strengths, according to four different design codes. The column load assumed is 500 kips, and the steel weights are given per column with 12-ft. story height.

Several conclusions are cited: 1. For ordinary-strength concrete it is advantageous to use tied columns, that is, in normal column sizes. 2. In small-sized columns, and ordinary-strength concrete, spiral columns take a little less steel than tied columns. 3. The opposite is true where the design is based on 5,000-lb. concrete. 4. When loads are large and column sizes small, a great deal of steel may be saved by using high-strength concrete.

The P.C.A. goes on to point out: "Laps used for splices of vertical bars consume a considerable amount of steel. . . . Except for unusual cases in which comparatively large bending moments create tension in the columns, the vertical bars could still be butt-spliced and the steel now used in laps conserved. Attention should be given to welding ends of bars to be spliced in columns, especially when the bars are large. . . ."

#### Reinforcement in columns

Codes of many city building de-

partments force a waste of structural materials by requiring inordinately high live loads for many types of occupancy. "It is clear," reports the P.C.A., "that many buildings designed under present building codes may be drastically over-designed and that such practice involves an amount of waste of materials which must cause concern. The live loads recommended by the U. S. Department of Commerce Building Code Committee should be adopted universally because their use will conserve building materials.

"Another source of waste originating in many city building codes is their tendency to require columns to be designed for excessive loads. It is generally recognized that for many types of occupancies the columns need not be designed for the full live load when there are several stories above the column considered. The committee's recommendation is that 'except in buildings for storage purposes, the following reductions in assumed floor live loads are permissible in designing all columns, piers or walls, foundations, trusses and girders."

"Reductions of total live load carried:

Carrying	one floor	0
66	two floors	10
44	three floors	20
44	four floors	30
44	five floors	40
44	six floors	45
**	seven or	
	more floors	50

"For illustration, a column supporting eight levels (one of which presumably may be a roof) need not be designed for more than one-half of the live load on all eight levels. Not taking full advantage of the reductions means that columns are overdesigned and material wasted.

#### Allowable working stresses

"The allowable stress in column bars in both J.C. 1940 and A.C.I. 1941 is 40 per cent of the yield point stress with an upper stress limit of 30,000 p.s.i. That means 16,000 on intermediate and 20,000 on hard grade. It is not customary to go any higher, and the fact seems to be ignored that the top limit in the codes is 30,000 p.s.i. which, of course, would be permitted only on steel with a minimum yield point of 75,000 p.s.i. Here is an untapped source of saving steel which deserves attention especially under the present conditions.

"Allowable concrete stresses are in general given in percentage of concrete strength, and increasing the latter may therefore be an important source of saving material. With present-day cements, a strength of 3,000 p.s.i. is a conservative value and designers could well adopt much higher strengths, all the way up to 5,000 p.s.i. In columns, loads should be carried by concrete rather than by steel, a subject that has already been discussed. Using a higher concrete strength for design purposes will go a long way toward reducing reinforcement in beams for compressive stresses, diagonal tension and bond. It will also be helpful in regard to reducing dead load, which is another source of saving, especially in longspan construction.'

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RELATIVE WEIGHTS of reinforcing steel in seven types of floor construction, from studies by the Portland Cement Association. The flat slab, the report indicates, requires the least steel, its superiority increasing with larger loads

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J. C. 1940	28	387	25	630	25	643	22	937	22	788	22	257	20	545	20	653	22	681	22	636
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Chi. 1937	26	347	25	517	25	464	22	782	22	695	22	249	20	374	20	536	22	507	22	569

tfe' = 3400 is max allowed. "These values are close to min. steel.

Notes: Weight of reinforcement is in lb. per 12 ft. stery height. 24 dia. added for lapped splices. 15 lb. added for ties per column. 15 lb. added for spiral spacers. Spirals assumed 11 ft. high. Hot rolled spirals.

Steel conservation possibilities in reinforced concrete columns, as tabulated by the Portland Cement Association, giving weights of reinforcement for tied and spiral columns of various sizes and various strengths of concrete. Conclusions of P.C.A. engineers are: I. For ordinary-strength concrete it is advantageous to use tied columns; 2. In small sizes spirals take less steel; 3. The opposite is true with 5,000-lb. concrete; 4. When loads are large and column sizes small, much steel may be saved with high-strength concrete.

## SPECIFICATION STANDARDS FOR GOVERNMENT WORK

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Private architects who are now or will soon be engaged in work for the Federal Government will find the following lists, continued from the January issue of the RECORD, of invaluable assistance.

### DIVISION 4. STRUCTURAL STEEL

#### FED. SPEC.

Steel, Structural; (for) buildings (includes rivets) FED. SPEC. QQ-S-721a

Specify Class:

Class A-Structural steel.

Class B-Structural steel, copper-bearing

Class C—Rivet steel.
Class D—Rivet steel, copper-bearing.

(Includes references to:) Structural Rivet Steel Carbon-Steel Castings

Steel for Bridges and Buildings

(Replaces A 9.)

ASA G21-1939 For miscellaneous Industrial Uses. A.S.T.M. A 27-39 Tentative Carbon-Steel Forgings for General Industrial Use A.S.T.M. A 235-40 T

A.S.T.M. SPEC.

#### OTHER REFERENCES

Specification for the Design, Fabrication and Erection of Structural Steel for Buildings.'

Published by American Institute of Steel Construction. This may form the basis of Structural Steel Specification with the addition of several items required for the specific project such as

Type of Paint. Type of field connections

Planing and milling of columns and stiffeners. Special holes in steel for attachment of other materials or passage of pipes, etc. Architectural clearances. Separators for double beams.

Bearing plates, gussets, lintels. Limitations of job cutting and drifting. Plumbing and levelling tests and shop drawings.

Simplification of structural steel shapes.

OPM Regulations, issued by American Iron and Steel Institute, Oct. 22, 1941. Effective Feb. 1, 1942.

Copies may be secured from the Steel Institute, 350 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

The types of structural steel shapes have been reduced by this "simplification" and only those listed will be rolled.

### DIVISION 5. ROOFING & SHEET METAL

#### FED. SPEC.

FED. SPEC. QQ-L-201 Lead: Sheet Specify Grade A (purest) or Grade B; and weight per square foot. Weights in lbs. and approximate thicknesses are: 1 (1/16''),  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , 2 (1/32''),  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , 3 (3/64''),  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , 4 (1/16''), 5, 6 (3/32''), 8  $(\frac{1}{2}4'')$ , 10 (5/32''), 12 (3/16''), 14, 15  $(\frac{1}{2}4'')$ , 16, 20, 24, 30  $(\frac{1}{2}2'')$ , 40, 60 (12'').

Copper; bars, plates, rods, shapes, sheets and strips FED. SPEC. QQ-C-501a

Specify: Forms and temper:

Rods-soft and hard.

Bars-soft and hard.

Shapes soft and hard.

Sheets-soft, hard and light cold-rolled (latter for gutters, leaders, cornices, etc.)

Strips-soft, hard and light cold-rolled (latter for gutters, leaders, cornices, etc.)

FED. SPEC. QQ-S-571 Solder: tin-lead Specify Grade: A, B or C for galvanized iron or zinc. Fed. Spec. E-QQ-S-571, Aug. 16 '41 suggests use of Lead-

silver solder in place of above.

FED. SPEC. QQ-S-561b

from and Steel; sheet, black and zinc-coated (Galvanized)

FED. SPEC. QQ-1-696
Specify: Iron or steel; type, gauge, class and weight of coating; state if to be oiled.

Types I Flat black sheet.

Solder: Silver

II Flat zinc coat sheets.
III Corrugated zinc coated sheets.
Classes: A—Extra heavily coated.

B-Heavily coated.

C-Moderately heavily coated.

D-Ordinary coated.

E-Lightly coated for severe forming.

Fed. Spec. E-QQ-1-696, Sept. 12, '41. Alternates for light metal coating and other protective coatings such as paint, enamels, lacquers, asphalts, porcelain-enamelled

#### A.S.T.M. SPEC.

**Lead-Coated Copper Sheets** d-Coated Copper Sheets

A.S.T.M. B 101-40
Specify type of application: Type I molten lead; Type II electro-deposited lead.

Specify Class Weight of lead, both sides, 100 sq. ft.

Max. Min. 12 Class A standard 15 Class B 20 40

Specify: If one side only is to be coated, if special textures are required.

Soft Solder Metal A.S.T.M. B 32-40 T Specify Grade: Tin-lead solder A & B grade. Tin-lead-antimony solder, A & B grades.

Silver Solder Specify grade (1 to 8.) A.S.T.M. B 73-29

A.S.T.M. A 7-39

ASA G24-1939

Zinc-coated (galvanized) Iron or Steel Sheets A.S.T.M. A 93-27
ASA G8bl-1931
Specify class of coating and gauge of sheet:

Class A-Extra heavily coated (no forming except cor-

rugating). Class B-Heavily coated (not intended for forming ex-

cept corrugating and curving to large radii. Class C-Moderately heavily coated (moderate bend-

ing) Class D-Ordinary, for general utility (not for long life).

Class E-Light, tightly adherent coating for severe forming.

#### FED. SPEC.

Lead Calking FED. SPEC. 99-L-156 Type: Type I calking lead, Specify Type II lead wool.

Terne-plate (roofing tin) ne-plate (roofing tin) FED. SPEC. QQ-T-001 Specify: Material, iron or steel; trade symbol IC or IX; and weight of coating, 8, 15, 20, 25, 30, or 40 lbs. Fed. Spec. E-QQ-T-201, Sept. 12, '41 suggests use of steel. cement or asbestos shingles, asphalt roofing, slate roofing. Contains spec. for iron and steel sheets with surfaces prepared for painting, and porcelain enamelled.

Specify if other than 3/16" slate is required. Specify Grades: A highest, B & C. If special slate such as unfading or weather is required, so state. In accord with Simplified Practice Recommendation R 14-28.

Fiber-board; Insulating FED. SPEC. LLL-F-321a Specify Class C-roof boards

Terne-plate (Long ternes) FED. SPEC. QQ-T-191 Specify: whether steel or iron; type and class, grade; weight and finish. Type I for general use such as cornices, kalamein, doors, etc. Types II and III for uses where drawing or forming operations are severe for standard type. Class A only temporary protection, Class C, D for permanent protection. Classes are weights of coating per double box as fol-

lows: Class A standard, Class B—12 lbs., Class C—15 lbs., Class D—40 lbs. Grades: 1—Primes only, 2—Primes with up to 20% of seconds.

Fed. Spec. E-QQ-T-191, Sept. 12, '41, suggests use of light coating of tin and specifies other protective steel coatings such as paint, enamels, lacquers, asphalts, etc.

Roofing and shingles; asphalt-prepared, mineral surface Specify Type: Type I. Ready or Roll roofing (80 lbs.)

Type II. Shingles (83 lbs.) Specify color and any special desired texture or edging.

Shingles, roofing, cement-asbestos FED. SPEC. 88-8-291

Pitch; coal-tar (for) mineral-surfaced built-up roofing, waterproofing and dampproofing FED. SPEC. R-P-381 Specify Type: (Both types to be used with coal-tar saturated felt.)

Type I for use with felt for roofing and waterproofing with slope not over 1" per foot.

Type II for use with felt for roofing and waterproofing as ply cement in membrane waterproofing or alone as dampproofing. Use in locations where temperature will not exceed 100° F.

Cement, bituminous, plastic

For use with plastic flashing used with bituminous roofing. Specify: Type I for use with flashing felt. Type II or III (coal tar base) may be used on coal tar pitch for repair of metal roofing or as expansion joint material for concrete or masonry.

Felt; coal-tar saturated (for) roofing and waterproofing FED. SPEC. HH-F-201

Asphalt-Primer; (for) roofing and waterproofing
FED. SPEC. SS-A-701

Asphalt; (for) built-up roofing, waterproofing and dampproofing FED .SPEC. SS-A-666

Specify Type and Class and Grade: Type I for surfaced, built-up roofing.

A free from organic matter. Class B contains finely divided mineral matter.

Type II for unsurfaced, built-up roofing.

Grade I for inclines not over 6" to 12" over boards, and not over 3" to 12" over concrete.

Roof-coating; asphalt, brushing consistency FED. SPEC. SS-R-451

For repair and coating of asphalt and metal roofing and for application to concrete, masonry and steel as dampproofing (use over primer).

Felt; asphalt-saturated (for) flashing, roofing and FED. SPEC. HH-F-191 waterproofing Specify Type I for use with asphalt on built-up roofs, and Type II for flashing with such roofing.

Roofing; asphalt, prepared, smooth-surfaced Specify Grade A—Heavy (weight 50 lbs.) or Grade B—Medium (weight 40 lbs.) (intended primarily for temporary buildings.) Fed. Spec. E-SS-R-501, Oct. 21, '41 increases weight of both grades of roofing by increasing asphalt coating without change in felt (as substitute for metal roofs).

#### A.S.T.M. SPEC

Zinc-coated (galvanized) Iron or Steel Sheets A.S.T.M. A 93-38 T Zinc coated sheets for general use. Specify gauge of sheets and weight.

Zinc-coated (galvanized) sheets, wrought iron A.S.T.M. A 163-39 See Miscellaneous Metals

Asphalt Shingles surfaced with Coarse Mineral Granules Specify form, size, color and any special edging.

Coal-Tar Pitch for Roofing, Dampproofing and Waterproofing For use as a mopping coat in built-up roofs with slag or gravel, as a mopping coat in dampproofing or as a plying or mopping cement in membrane waterproofing. Specify Type: Type A mopping coat for built-up roofs, mopping coat in dampproofing or as a plying cement in membrane waterproofing above ground when not exposed to temperatures over 125° F; Type B mopping coat in dampproofing, or as a plying cement in membrane waterproofing below grade (moderate tempera-

Coal-tar Saturated Roofing Felt for use in waterproofing and in constructing Built-up Roofs A.S.T.M. D 227-41

Asphalt for use in Constructing Built-up Roof Coverings
A.S.T.M. D 312-41

Specify Type:

(a) For use in slag or gravel surfaced roofing on inclines up to 3" per ft.

(b) For use in unsurfaced on inclines up to 3" per ft.

(c) For inclines between 3" and 6" per ft. Specify whether roofing is over boards or concrete.

Asphalt-Saturated Roofing Felt for use in waterproofing and in constructing Built-up Roofs

Specify: 32" or 36" widths; 15 lb. or 30 lb. type.

Asphalt Roofing Surfaced with Powdered Talc or Mica A.S.T.M. 0 224-41 T Specify 32" or 36" width; 65 lb. grade or 55 lb. grade. Specifications for nails and lap cement included.

Asphalt Roofing Surfaced with Fine Mineral Granules Specify width of 32" or 36" and grade, 65 lbs. or 55 lbs. Specifications for nails and lap cement included.

#### FED. SPEC.

Roofing; asphalt and aspestos-prepared, mineral surfaced FED. SPEC. 88-R-511 Specify color.

#### OTHER REFERENCES

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Sheet Copper Handbook (second edition) Copper & Brass Research Association, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York

#### **Simplified Practice Recommendations**

R 4 Asphalt Structural slate R 13 R 30 Roofing ternes Iron and steel roofing

#### A.S.T.M. SPEC.

Asphalt Roofing Surfaced with Coarse Mineral Granules

A.S.T.M. D 249-41 T

Specify: 32" or 36" width. Specify color. Specifications for nails and lap cement included.

Wide Selvage Asphalt Roofing Surfaced with Coarse Mineral Granules A.S.T.M. D 371-41 1

Specify: 32" or 36" width. Specify 45 lb. or 55 lb. grade and color. This material is used as cap sheet.

Asphalt-Saturated Asbestos Felt for use in Constructing

Built-up Roofs
A.S.T.M. D 250-27
Widths 32" or 36". (This material may also be used for membrane waterproofing.)

### DIVISION 6. MISCELLANEOUS METALS

On account of scarcity of certain metals, reference to such metals and alloys of same have been omitted (such as aluminum, chromium, nickel, manganese.)

Note where "E" is used in front of Fed. Spec. symbol it denotes Emergency specification, such as E-QQ-B-601.

#### FED. SPEC.

Copper; bars, plates, rods, shapes, sheets and strips
FED. SPEC. QQ-C-501a

FED. SPEC. QQ-L-201 Lead: sheet For lead-coated copper see "Roofing and Sheet Metal."

Brass, commercial; bars, plates, rods, shapes, sheets and FED. SPEC. QQ-B-611a Specify types and compositions. Fed. Spec. E-QQ-B-611a, Sept. 6, 1941 suggests steel as substitute for brass.

FED. SPEC. 00-B-621 Brass: commercial, and naval castings Specify composition A to D

Brass; castings (to be brazed)

FED. SPEC. QQ-B-601

Bronze Castings; Specify Grade A or B FED. SPEC. QQ-B-691a Specify Type I and composition 1 to 10. [E-QQ-B-601, Sept. 16, 1941

Fed. Spec. (E-QQ-B-691a, Sept. 16, 1941 E-QQ-B-621, Sept. 16, 1941

Suggests use of cast iron or malleable iron-castings in lieu of the above brass and bronze castings.

Iron; Gray, castings FED. SPEC. QQ-1-652

Steel; Castings FED. SPEC. QQ-S-681a

FED. SPEC. QQ-1-666 Iron: malleable: castings

FED. SPEC. QQ-1-686a Iron, wrought (refined): bars

Steel: carbon and alloys, bars FED SPEC 00-8-671

Steel, carbon (Low carbon), Sheets and Strips FED. SPEC. QQ-S-636

FED. SPEC. RR-T-661

Treads; safety, metallic Specify Type and Class

Class 1 Brass with lead ribs. Class 2 Brass with abrasive ribs. Class 3 Aluminum alloy, with lead ribs. Type A, Filled Class 4 Aluminum alloy, with abrasive ribs.

Class 5 Aluminum alloy Class 6 Cast iron Class 7 Alloy, as specified Type B. Cast

#### A.S.T.M. SPEC.

Copper Rods, Bars and Shapes A.S.T.M. B 133-40 T Specify Type A or Type B-unless otherwise noted, Type A will be supplied.

Brass sheet and strip A.S.T.M. B 36-41 T Specify: Alloy, temper, grain size of annealed tempers.

Copper-Base alloys in ingot forms for Sand Castings
A.S.T.M. B 30-41 T Specify alloy (25 listed)

Lightweight and Thin-sectioned gray iron castings
A.S.T.M. A 190-40

Prime consideration of such castings is appearance and machinability.

Gray Iron Castings A.S.T.M. A 48-41 Specify class: (Classes are in accord with tensile strength).

These castings are for use where strength is a consideration.

Malleable Iron Castings A.S.T.M. A 47-33

Alloy-Steel Casting for Structural Purposes A.S.T.M. A 148-36 Specify Class

Common Iron Bars A.S.T.M. A 85-36 Refined Iron Bars

Single and Double Refined Wrought-Iron Bars A.S.T.M. A 189-39 T

Specify Grade A-Double refined or Grade B-Single refined.

Rolled Wrought Iron Shapes and Bars A.S.T.M. A 207-39 Wrought-Iron Plates A.S.T.M. A 42-39

**Uncoated Wrought-Iron Sheets** A.S.T.M. A 162-39 ASA G23-1939

Strip Steel, Cold-Rolled
Specify tempers, grades. A.S.T.M. A 109-38

Mild Steel Plates

Carbon-steel and alloy-steel blooms, billets and slabs for A.S.T.M. A 17-29 ASA G9.1-1933 A.S.T.M. A 248-41 T forgings

FED. SPEC.

Calking Lead FED. SPEC. 99-L-156 Specify Type I for calking lead and Type II for lead wool.

For Structural Steel See Structural Steel Division.

OTHER REFERENCES

Sheet Steel-

Simplified Practice Recommendation (Second Edition) R 28-29

Metal Partitions for Toilets and Showers— Simplified Practice Recommendation.

Hardware and Fittings; (for) lavatory-partitions and

FED. SPEC. FF-H-136 inclosures

A.S.T.M. SPEC.

Zinc-coated (Galvanized) Wrought-Iron Sheets

A.S.T.M. A 163-39 ASA G8.8-1937

Sheets used for roofing, siding, culverts.

Specify Class:

Class A and B Extra-heavy and heavy coated (not for forming except may be corrugated). Class C Moderately heavy coated (moderate bending).

Class D For general use. Specify weight of coating

Zinc-coated Iron or Steel Sheets

A.S.T.M. A 93-38 T A.S.T.M. A 93-27 ASA G8bI-1931

DIVISION 7. METAL WINDOWS & DOORS

MISCELLANEOUS REFERENCES

Steel Windows and Industrial Doors (Solid Section Steel R 72

Simplified Practice Recommendation.

**Hollow Metal Doors** 

Simplified Practice Recommendation.

Kalamein Doors

Simplified Practice Recommendation.

R 83

A.S.T.M. C 36-34

A.S.T.M. C 79-34

Fire Protection of Openings in Walls and Partitions against

R 82

National Board of Fire Underwriters.

DIVISION 8. CARPENTRY

FED. SPEC.

Wall-board; gypsum

FED. SPEC. SS-W-51a

Specify Type A with square edges, with or without recess, or Type B with rounded edges for filled joints; Standard thickness %", special \( \)" and \( \)".

Fiber-board; hard-pressed, structural FED. SPEC. LLL-F-311

Specify: Class A-untreated Class B-treated

Specify thickness: 18", 3/16", or 1/4". (4' wide x 5', 6', 8', 9', 10' or 12'.)

Fiber-board; insulating FED. SPEC. LLL-F-321a

Specify: Class A—Building Board or Class C—Roof Board and finish desired.

Millboard, asbestos FED. SPEC. HH-M-351

Specify: Grade A medium, or Grade B hard and thickness, 1/8", 1/4" or 1/2".

Paper; sheathing; waterproof FED. SPEC. UU-P-536

Specify: Grade A for permanent structures and Grade B for temporary structures.

Cord, sash, cotton, braided FED. SPEC. T-C-571a

Specify: Type A unfinished Type B polished Specify that size shall be as required by pulleys and load.

Bolts, lag, steel (lag screws)

FED. SPEC. FF-B-561

Screws, Wood

FED. SPEC. FF-S-III

Nails, spikes, staples and tacks FED. SPEC. FF-N-101

Fed. Spec. E-FF-N-101, May 15, 1941, allows substitutions for certain finishes.

Wood Treatments and Preservatives See "Painting"

Glue, casein, type, water-resistant

FED. SPEC. C-G-456

A. S. T. M. SPEC.

Gypsum Wall Board

Specify thickness 14", 34" or 1/2". Specify if special joint is required. Nominal widths 32", 36" or 48".

Lengths 4'0" to 12'0".

Gypsum Sheathing Board
Specify thickness ½" or ¾".
Nominal widths 24" or 32".

Length 6'8" or 8'0" (May be secured with one or both faces covered with aluminum foil.)

Structural Wood Joist and Plank, Beams and Stringers and **Posts and Timbers** A.S.T.M. D 245-37 also ASA 07-1939

> NOTE: Specification Standards will be continued in the March issue of ARCHITECTURAL RECORD.



A survey of the problems of restaurant design based upon recent examples, and including both economical roadside establishments and more formal types

A BUILDING TYPES STUDY



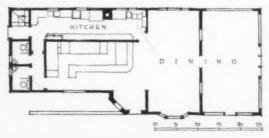
ABOVE, Dutchland Farms, Great Neck, N. Y. Joseph Watterson, architect. RIGHT, the new Schrafft's, New York City. Bloch and Hesse, architects

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HOWARD JOHNSON RESTAURANT, CAMBRIDGE, MASS. JOSEPH MORGAN, ARCHITECT. Even this well-established chain needs its face lifted periodically, as witness this example which has recently been entirely resurfaced, on the exterior, with weather-resistant fiberboard.





DUTCHLAND FARMS RESTAURANT, GREAT NECK, N. Y. JOSEPH WATTERSON, ARCHITECT. One of a row of quaint shops lining a lane, this unit was built and is owned by the Sedlmayr Realty Co.; is leased by Dutchland Farms. As originally built, the right-hand dining room was a dining terrace, but demand soon caused it to be enclosed. Total seating: 75 people.



ICE CREAM BAR makes most profits, is centrally located

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### RESTAURANTS

Sooner or later the hot dog stand was bound to become big business. That was in the cards, as the saying goes. The public took to traveling independently of railroads, in many cases independently of hotels. The public wanted a bite to eat, informally because travel by car often left it feeling somewhat disheveled, quickly because it often wanted to get on in a hurry. And the family out for a breath of air on a hot day wanted some ice cream; or, hungry of an evening, a hamburger. So of course our highways became lined, first with dining cars, then with hot dog stands.

But the businesses were, as a whole, inefficient. Further, even a disheveled motorist wants a pleasant, clean place to stop—and most of them weren't clean.

Thus the "food-for-travelers" industry was ripe for organization, and we now have numerous chains, of which two are illustrated on these pages, making handsome profits. Individual operators lease rights to a name and an organization's advice—upon certain stipulations—from one chain. Another chain reverses the process, leasing and operating restaurants from individuals who put up the buildings. Whichever the method, operation of the chains, and of successful privately-owned-and-operated establishments as well, reflects a uniform basic conception.

The fundamental sources of profit are ice cream and soda-fountain business. frankfurters, hamburgers, sometimes sandwiches. Thus the soda fountain and the hamburger counter are the focal points in plan; the restaurants literally revolve about them. Ice cream in 28, 30, 40 flavors is advertised to the zenith.

Yet even Mrs. Smith, though slightly disarranged, wants the satisfaction which comes from soft roseate lights, suave service, acoustic plaster, spotless tile, and a passable meal now and then. So the satellite restaurants, which have to be carefully laid out on the basis of expected trade, to seat enough to make money but not enough to lose it, must be swank in a subdued way. And here commerce says: "They must be economically built!"

The gasoline scare a few months back cut down business in these establishments tremendously. What the war-necessary rubber and new car curtailments will do, no one can guess. Such problems, of course, do not affect the cocktail-lounge, night club type of restaurant, shown also in this issue, as directly. In times like these, people seem to feel the need of relaxing somewhat violently.



INING ROOM, inexpensively designed, has blond maple furniture



ENCLOSED TERRACE, like Dining Room, is finished in plywood and fiber board

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ICE CREAM BAR

### FAMILIAR FORM IS A TRADEMARK

DUTCHLAND FARMS RESTAURANT, ROCKVILLE CENTER, N. Y. JOSEPH WATTERSON, ARCHITECT: S. TYSON HALDEMAN, ASSOCIATE ARCHITECT. Here the problem was to design a building which would retain the characteristic Dutchland Farms form with its windmill so familiar to travelers, yet which would be smart and reasonably modern. Being a roadside restaurant, ample parking space was important. Sales of ice cream are the principal source of revenue, so the soda fountain had to dominate the interior, yet be somewhat dissociated from the dining room.

Sandwiches are featured as well; hence the sandwich maker is displayed in an alcove to the rear of the dining room. At the same time, seats for over 100 had to be provided in the dining space, so located that waitresses might have free access to soda fountain, sandwich counter and kitchen.

Above all, the building had to be exceedingly economical in construction; yet substantial enough to create a satisfactory impression. There is a partial cellar; walls are 8-in. brick; roof is tile. Floor and roof framing, doors and windows, are all wood. Floors are covered with linoleum except in kitchen, which is maple. Building is winter air conditioned; lighting is fluorescent. Ceilings are of acoustic plaster, walls painted plaster with Primavera plywood wainscot. Building was built and is owned by Gepo Realty Co.

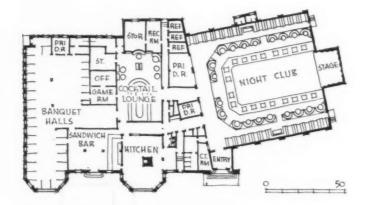




MAIN DINING AREA. Murals and an etchedglass back bar design are by Karl Drerup



### NIGHT CLUB IS ADDED TO A SOUTHERN RESTAURANT





EXTERIOR of completed structure

REMLER'S NIGHT CLUB, SAVANNAH, GA. LEVY and CLARKE, ARCHITECTS. The existing portion of this restaurant consisted of the banquet hall, sandwich bar and kitchen; additions include the cocktail lounge and night club. Thus the restaurant's range embraces all types of food service, from a sandwich to a banquet, with or without entertainment.

The night club floor is tiered, with a maple dance floor in the center, and successive terraces occupied by free-standing tables, semi-circular booths, and wall booths. Construction is of steel frame with brick veneer curtain walls. Ceiling is of insulation board with a plastered center feature lighted by multicolored intermittent lights. Walls are of insulating tile and plaster.

Cocktail lounge has a U-shaped bar, is wainscoted in Harewood, and has a plastered ceiling. The building is air conditioned. L. D'Englere was the decorator. Contractor was Walter Strong.



DANCE FLOOR in night club portion is surrounded by terraced tables

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ST. LOUIS HOTEL REMODELS ROOF BAR

CHASE HOTEL COCKTAIL LOUNGE and STARLIGHT ROOF, ST. LOUIS, MO. HAROLD KOPLAR, ARCHITECT. To increase the hotel's convention and transient business, the management decided to add facilities. Only the roof—partially enclosed and hence subject to vagaries of weather—was available. The existing outdoor dining space and wasteful kitchen on the roof have been completely revamped.

Structurally, this involved several problems. Existing concrete columns and footings were examined to determine their suitability for carrying the added loads to be imposed. A high coping, which incidentally interfered with patrons' views of the city, was cut down to seat height, and new 6-in. H-columns were anchored to tops of old columns. Steel trusses spanning from wall to wall carry a new



ZODIAC LOUNGE; bar is portable. Roof opening has sliding cover



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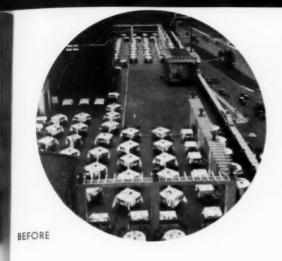
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roof of lightweight precast concrete slabs. New columns are fire-protected by concrete poured into stainless steel forms which remained in place as the permanent finish.

In both Zodiac and Starlight rooms are orchestra bays supported by cantilevers extending out from the roof framing. The bar itself is on casters, in two sections, which can be moved out to the remaining outdoor dining terrace or into the Starlight room to permit use of the Zodiac room for banquets or similar functions.

Both rooms are air conditioned and seat a total of 550 patrons. Lighting is both indirect (from cove lights) and direct (from directional flush lights). Construction was done by the hotel management. Structural engineers were Brussel and Viterbo.



ASBESTOS-CEMENT partition shuts off space for future expansion



PLANTING SPACE in Starlight Roof dining room

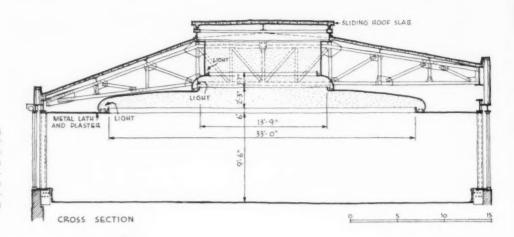


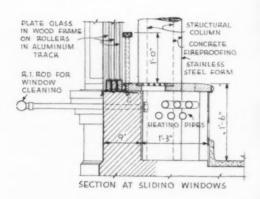
STARLIGHT ROOF; orchestra occupies a balcony hung on the side of the building. Murals by Eric Mose

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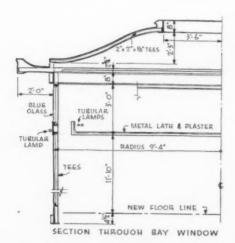
SECTION at right shows sliding roof directly over the circular Zodiac bar, and illustrates design of the trusses used to span from wall to wall. In addition, it demonstrates the way in which changes in ceiling level, etc., delimit various areas without using actual partitions





WINDOW DETAIL: remaining portion of parapet wall is capped with a 10-in. channel to which are attached the window tracks, made of aluminum channels and angles. Two out of each three windows slide horizontally. All are weatherstripped with refrigerator gaskets, and have concentric sash locks to strengthen their frames against wind pressure when closed





ORCHESTRA BAY in Zodaic room is suspended from an 18-ft. diameter steel ring cantilevered from the roof trusses, and projected 7 ft. beyond the building line. From the ring hang 3-in, steel tees which support the floor of the bay. Bay in Starlight room is similar, though rectangular and consequently simpler to fabricate







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# ROOF REMODELED AROUND EXISTING STRUCTURE

SKY ROOM, EL CORTEZ HOTEL, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. HERTZKA and KNOWLES, ARCHITECTS. In this remodeling job, certain structural elements could not be changed. The problem thus became one of designing as spacious a cocktail lounge as possible and minimizing columns, elevator shafts, etc. Windows are large in order to capitalize on the spectacular view. Construction is of reinforced concrete, with furred metal lath and plaster walls and ceilings, and carpeted floors. The lounge is air conditioned, with ceiling supplies, and an exhaust, decorated with a Lucite floral sculpture, over the bar. Fans, condensers, etc., are on the floor above. Ducts are lined with soundproofing material.

A difficult problem in this case arose from the fact that the room is used at night, and the windows ordinarily would mirror reflections of people and of the ceiling, obscuring the view of the city's lights which is one of the Sky Room's main attractions. After some experimentation, the architects found that putting the light source behind the person looking out the window eliminated reflections. Indirect coves, lighted by neon tubes, were designed to keep light off the ceiling, so that it would not be mirrored either.





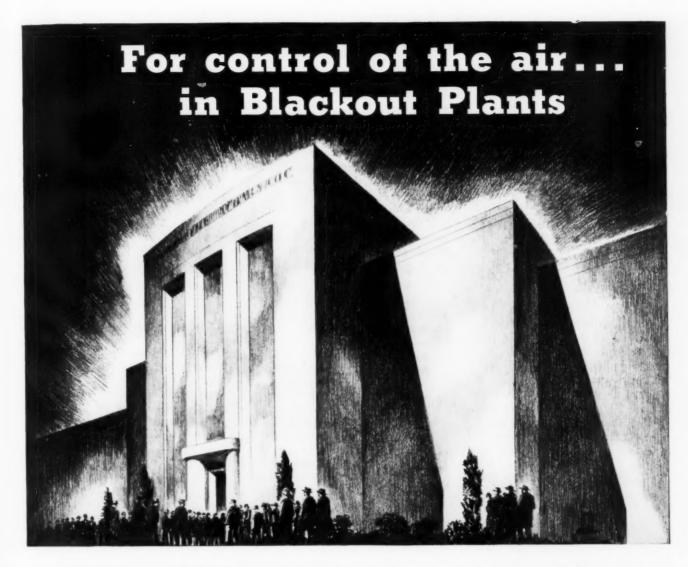
BAR; air is exhausted through grille in the Lucite sculpture and gunmetal mirror overhead. Table tops are plastic



ABOVE, stairs to lounge. Rail is bronze with sandblasted Lucite panels which house fluorescent lights. RIGHT, lounge interior. General contractor was M. H. Golden. Windows in Sky Room have heatabsorbing glass to reduce sun heat load



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IN TODAY'S NEW WINDOWLESS FACTORIES, complete air conditioning equipment stands high on the list of "musts." All the familiar air conditioning problems are there—but with more stringent requirements, demanding new applications and closer control.

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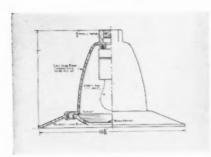


Figure 1

### **Blackout Light**

Now available for shipment is a blackout lighting unit that follows requirements of the British Air Raid Precaution Specification. This is a suspension fixture with over-all depth of 7 in. Intensity of illumination secured on the ground is .0002 to .0004 foot candles, equivalent to starlight. Usual spacing between units 100 ft. The manufacturer says there can be no detection or identification of the units or surrounding area from hostile planes. Holophane Co., Inc., 342 Madison Ave., N. Y. C. (Fig. 1.)

### Blackout and Camouflage Paint

A COMPLETE LINE of blackout and camouflage paints is announced, for domestic and commercial use in areas subject to possible air raids. In black, smoke grey, earth drab and neutral brick, they obscure interior illumination when applied to windows, skylights and other glazed openings, and also effect a partial camouflage in daytime. Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Another line of blackout paint, which meets requirements of the Office of Civilian Defense, is said to give excellent results in opacity, weather-resistance and non-reflective properties when used on either inside or outside of the glass. These paints can be applied by brush, or by spray when reduced with petroleum thinners. Sherwin-Williams Company, Cleveland, Ohio.

A NEW TYPE of low visibility paint has just been offered commercially. When properly selected, the manufacturer says, it will meet the requirements of good camouflage in any sort of terrain. A special advantage stressed is its heat-deflecting quality, which promises to be of particular value to public utilities, oil producers, refineries, etc. The Arco Company, Cleveland, Ohio.

A BLACK-OUT paint for darkening windows and skylights of industrial plants is being marketed in paste form and is cut with water to be sprayed or brushed on. Coverage 800 sq. ft. to the gal. American-Marietta Company, 43 East Ohio St., Chicago.

#### **New Construction Material**

Somewhat in the nature of a plastic is a new construction material made of wood wool "excelsior," water, silicate of soda, soy bean protein and quicklime. Relatively strong, with low conductivity of heat, low manufacturing cost, good resistance to fire and good appearance, it is said to be applicable for molded products, insulating building boards, doors, sash, moldings, gutters, veneer cores, air ducts, stove pipe board liners, roofing, etc. The manufacturer claims it can be transported without breakage, sawn or nailed, and will not swell. bulge, warp or check. Designers for Industry Inc. of Ohio, 426 Terminal Tower, Cleveland, Ohio.

#### Furnace-Water Heater

COMBINATION furnace and water heater, for low-cost housing projects and trailers, is announced. The lower half of this model comprises oil heating unit, combustion chamber and blower; the upper half consists of hot water tank and stack. A spring-mounted fan is installed at the bottom rear to force the heat out through louvres at floor level. There are controls for automatic water heating and semi-automatic house heating. Evans Products Company, Detroit, Mich.



Figure 2

### **Heavy Duty Unit Heater**

FOR HEATING large buildings such as airplane hangars, skating rinks, locomotive shops, etc., there is a new heavy duty unit heater which delivers air at velocities of 1,500 to 2,500 ft. per minute and raises air temperature sufficiently to give a 100 to 125 degree temperature rise. The unit is built up of complete sections, each having an input rating of 250,000 Btu per hour. Surface Combustion Corporation, Toledo, Ohio. (Fig. 2.)

### Automatic Heat for Defense Homes

A BIN-FEED stoker-fired furnace is being offered at a low price which makes it suitable for defense homes. Over-sized fan and motor are employed and a minimum of ductwork is necessary. Filters are spun glass, stoker and fan are automatically controlled. The baked enamel jacket has a steel inner lining. Bonnet capacity 30,000 Btu; fan capacity 1,000 Cfm; heating surface 3,360 sq. in. Anthracite stoker has capacity of 108,000 Btu. Cooper & Cooper, Inc., Pittsfield, Mass.

#### **Five New Paints**

A LINE of five new paints, designed to provide civilian markets with products to replace now unavailable aluminum paints, has been announced. A tank white can replace aluminum

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### "Why settle for 75¢ when you can have \$1.00?"



It gives you something to think about when you compare the advantages of Nairn Linoleum with other floor materials. For Nairn Linoleum alone meets all four of the basic specifications for the modern floor.

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- 4. CLEANLINESS AND EASY MAINTENANCE—One-piece construction leaves no dirt-catching cracks and joints . . . reduces maintenance time and cost to a minimum. Positive germicidal properties. No splinters! No "dusting"!

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### ARCHITECTURE

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The fact that a number of building products and materials will not be generally available for the duration of the war

has created an advertising situation that many manufacturers of items in this classification have not solved. They would like to prepare for the day when peace comes, when architects have returned to normal practice and construction for living and luxury is again in full swing.

These manufacturers are vitally interested in keeping the architect aware of the desirability of their products, because they know that the acceptance they have gained for them now might not hold at the war's end unless they do. With the advertising pages of the architect's journal of professional practice generally accepted as the ideal medium for carrying out this task, the problem is not so much one of "how" as it is "what" to tell the architect.

What the architect would like to know from the advertising of such products depends, of course, on the relation of his work to the national defense program, but by and large the big question that comes to his mind must be, "Is the item available?"

If the product is available, its advertisement should be "keyed" to current problems. The architect would like to know, for instance, the restrictions (if any) regarding the use of the product. He would like to have suggestions that would make for faster delivery, or save material, and otherwise assure the best job in terms of the national interest.

If the product cannot be obtained the architect would like to hear about improvements and new developments. He is also interested in knowing where and how it is now being used—which not only makes attractive reading but impresses the features of the product on the architect's mind.

In the final analysis, both the architect who is engaged in defense work and the architect who is striving to maintain his private practice realize that beyond the clouds of war is a bright future for building. The manufacturer whose advertising is usefully attuned to the emergency now will be foremost in the architect's mind when the time for rebuilding America comes.

-RONALD ALLWORK

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JOSEPH HOLTON JONES says, "We feel manufacturers' advertisements should now fulfill two functions. Continue to keep the manufacturer name and product before the profession, and keep the profession apprised of all new materials and methods which manufacturers may develop to meet war needs and which, after the war, may be used to advantage by architects in the building program which is bound to come."

FRANCIS BENEDICT JACOBBERGH suggests "information as to why these materials have no adequate substitute, or why they are not making a substitute material."

In this connection JAMES C. MAC KENZIE asks for "a brief circular mailed out supplementing suitable advertisements in the magazines."



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### NOTHING TO SELL NOW SHOULD LOOK AHEAD

While WILLIAM I. HOHAUSER believes that information on unavailable prodncts "that are improved upon during this period" is desirable.

To this GORDON B. KAUFMANN adds "Our own personal feeling in the matter is to suggest either 'name advertising' on a somewhat reduced scale or practically none at all. For your own purposes, articles on the critical list have no interest for us. We are so busy trying to find substitutes."

J. LINERD CONARROE asks advertisers. "Why not be frank about the materials and state if they can or cannot be had or if they can be had with priorities and on what types of buildings?"

And PHILIP IVES thinks that "new developments, which I could look forward to taking advantage of when private practice is resumed, are what I'd like to read about in advertisements.



IT'S LOOKING PRETTY FAR AHEAD to talk about Christmas gifts in 194-, the year the war ends. But that's just what this steel company is doing in the above ad directed to the layman. "We continue to advertise steel products for civilian use . . " writes an official of the company, because "we are looking ahead. The acceptance of steel products is not something you can turn off and on at will. It must be created and maintained by continuous efforts."

> THE ADVERTISEMENTS BELOW are examples of what well known manufacturers in the building field are doing to meet the present situation. These ads are of the present, and because they are informative, useful and interesting, their sponsors will be remembered









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Stanley's No. 61 Catalog. It is a handy reference book. A copy will be sent on request. The Stanley Works, New Britain, Connecticut.

## (STANLEY) HARDWARE

# Books on WAR TIME BUILDING AND AIR DEFENSE

The books listed below are especially recommended for architects and engineers who wish to specialize in solving the many technical problems pertaining to wartime construction and the protection of the civilian population.

- PLANNED A. R. P., by Tecton, Architects. 138 pages extensively illustrated with photographs, diagrams and maps — Price \$2.50.
- CIVIL AIR DEFENSE, by Lt. Col. Augustin M. Prentiss. U.S.A. A 334-page illustrated treatise on the protection of the civil population against air attack — Price \$2.75.
- 3. BOMBS AND BOMBING, by Willy Ley. 124 pages— A brisk, popular survey explaining how the several kinds of bombs are made and their probable effect on buildings of different types and on air raid shelters—Price \$1.25.
- 4. WARTIME BUILDING CONSTRUCTION 1st American Edition 1942 This book reviews the general principles of wartime building. There is a special section devoted to the construction of single-story buildings to provide living quarters for armed forces, also for temporary office accommodation and hospitals; a section devoted to the methods used for the application of reinforced concrete construction Price \$4.00.
- CIVIL DEFENSE, by C. W. Glover. Over 900 pages fully illustrated, revised and enlarged. The most complete and authoritative book on the subject. This volume discusses in detail the precautions necessary for the protection of the civilian population Price \$16.50.
- 6. AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS 1941. An authoritative book compiled by various British experts based on actual experiences during air raids. It contains the best available scientific data pertaining to shelters, emergency watch towers, respiratory equipment, etc. Price \$3.00.
- AIR RAID DEFENSE, by Dr. Curt Wachtel, 1941. The purpose of this book is to convey the many and varied aspects of Air Raid Defense. All measures and methods discussed or recommended in this book are practiced somewhere in Europe Price \$3.50.

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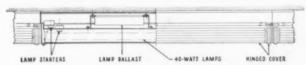
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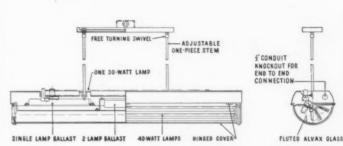
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rants and office buildings, is applied by factory-trained service men without interrupting business and is said to solve the problem of dirty walls and ceilings in conditioned rooms as well as foul odor from equipment. Speed-D Chemical Systems, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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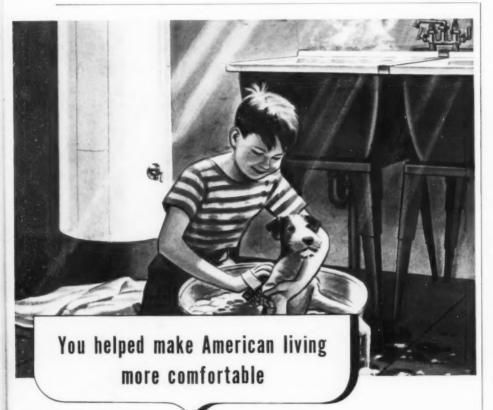
tection" with absolute reliability. Each unit consists of a battery of either the chloride or the flat plate type, automatic switches which transfer the battery to the emergency lighting circuits upon failure of the a. c. supply, and an automatic charging device. When the a. c. service is restored the emergency lighting circuits are transferred back to the a. c. supply. No separate battery is required. Operating and maintenance costs are said to be extremely low and battery life is said to range from 8 to 14 vrs. Electric Storage Battery Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

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